



ECHOD

17 TAMMUZ 5775 • JULY 3-4, 2015

PARSHAT BALAK • CANDLE LIGHTING: 8:13PM

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 6:45pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 6:58pm: Earliest Candle Lighting
- 8:13pm: 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 and shiur with **Fred Ehrman**
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson: July 4th and The Supreme Court - Is America Still a Free Country?**
- 9:13am: Latest Shema
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Dr. Leonard Davidman** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:30am: Youth Breakfast
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 6:30pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 7:00pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: Summer Pirkei Avot Series #4 (Finishing 1st Perek?)**
- 8:00pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 9:14pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

For the Week of July 5– 10

Mon – Thurs: Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:20pm

Sunday (Fast of Tammuz) Monday & Thurs Tues, Wed & Fri

Fast Begins: 4:18am Daf Yomi: 6:15am Daf Yomi: 6:20am

Shacharit: 6:50am Shacharit: 7:00am Shacharit: 7:10am

Daf Yomi: 7:45am Shacharit: 7:50am Shacharit: 7:50am

Shacharit: 8:30am

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 8:05pm

Fast Ends: 9:02pm

The shul office will be closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of Independence Day, and we will be open regular Friday hours on July 3rd.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the fund.

Main Kiddush

Sponsors welcome.

Beginner's Kiddush

Sponsored by **Samantha Lee**, in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**, to thank him for his ongoing support and contribution to the Beginners services.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by friends of **Irv Elias** in commemoration of his 9th Yahrzeit.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Audrey Kallman** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her beloved husband, **David**.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Judith Weil and Lloyd Epstein** on the birth of a baby boy born to their children **Elisheva and Oren Epstein** in Israel.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Anne and Martin Hochberg** on the birth of a baby girl, **Ma'ayan Batya**, to their children **Tamarah and Tsurial Biale** in Israel. Mazal Tov to big brothers **Yital, Yival, Yakir and Yedidya**.
- Mazel Tov to **Judy and Cyrus Abbe** on the birth of a grandson in Israel to their children **Hava and Dovid Preil**.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Groups for Pre-K only this Shabbat at 10am • In Room 206
There will be no youth breakfast

CHESED CORNER

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to become part of the Friends Shabbos Telephone Project. More volunteers are still needed. Please submit your interest to chesed@lss.org and a member of the committee will get in touch with you. If you know someone you think would welcome an Erev Shabbos call, please send their name(s) to Chesed@lss.org. Within the next few weeks some interesting, additional projects will be announced. Keep reading the Chesed Corner for further news on this topic.

Please continue to say Tehillim for Chaim Doniel Baruch ben Rivkah Breindl.

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In the event of a bereavement, please call our clergy at 646-543-7485 (day or night)

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Minchat Chinuch with Rabbi Ben Elton • 9:15am
Topic: *Mitzva 420: Saying Shema Morning and Evening*

TUESDAY

Parsha Class with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** • 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

THURSDAY

Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
7:00pm

The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai

Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky will have a sporadic summer schedule. Email sarabrzowsky@gmail.com to find out the time of the next meeting.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New sessions** of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will begin **Monday, August 3rd, 2015 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. **Register at www.lss.org/beginners.**
- **Save the date!** **"First Call" Beginners Luncheon**, to be held **Shabbat, September 5th**, in honor of **Dr. Leonard Davidman**. The cost is still only \$20 per person. **Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners**. Please make your reservations and payment by **Thursday, September 3rd**.

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

"God Save the Queen: Monarchy, Judaism and Community" with guest lecturer **Zaki Cooper** • **Monday, July 13th, at 7pm**
Drawing on first-hand experience of working at Buckingham Palace, and using objects from his time working there, Zaki Cooper will describe the events of the Diamond Jubilee in 2012, when the Queen celebrated 60 years on the throne.

Tisha B'Av Movie Screening: "Tunnel of Hope" • **Sunday, July 26th** • **4pm and 6pm screenings**

More Tisha B'Av details will be coming soon...

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Consequences of Falling Short

A nuclear agreement with Iran that fails to close off all Iranian pathways to a bomb will have devastating consequences for the region and shatter the nuclear nonproliferation regime. The United States should continue to employ diplomacy to reach an agreement that blocks Iran's nuclear quest, but should not accept a deal that falls short of American objectives. As President Obama and a bipartisan group of congressional leaders have said, "No deal is better than a bad deal." (Source: AIPAC)

The Quiet Before the Storm

As expected, the original deadline for the conclusion of the talks with Iran about their nuclear program has been extended to July 7. Unfortunately, everything that we have read so far indicates that the eventual agreement will be a very bad deal for Israel. Five former senior officials in the Obama administration wrote an [open letter](#) that the current negotiators are headed toward concessions that would weaken international inspection of Iran's facilities, back away from forcing Tehran to reveal its suspected past work on weapons, and allow Iranian research and development that would put it on a course to resuming intensive production of nuclear fuel as soon as the accord expires.

What Can YOU Do?

To start, if you are not already a member of [AIPAC](#), please join now. Keep in mind that AIPAC's critical work takes place year-around, not just during the three day annual conference. The greater the number of members, the louder is the voice of AIPAC in the halls of Congress. If you have any questions about AIPAC, please speak with Ann Crane.

Also, stay informed about the latest rounds of negotiations. There are many sources of news, but consider subscribing to the [AIPAC's newsletters](#).

Once the nuclear agreement is announced, we will probably need to quickly mobilize our resources and lobby our Congressman and Senators to reject a likely catastrophically bad deal for Israel.