



# ECHOD

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## THIS SHABBAT

### Friday Evening

- 5:47pm: Candle Lighting
- 5:50pm: 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 **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 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
- 9:57am: Latest Shema

### Shabbat Afternoon

- 4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby.
- 4:00pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 4:30pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211
- 4:30pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig: Abraham's Sojourn in Egypt: Betrayal of God?**
- 5:30pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 6:46pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Breakfast  
@ 9:30am in room 206/207

- Groups Start at 10am K-1 Room 208/210
- Pre-K: Room 208/210 2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

### Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by **Emanuel Zareh and his family** in loving memory of his grandfather, **Shmuel Shoshani z"l**.

### Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Warren and Jane Weiss** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their daughter, **Diane Weiss, Devorah bat Volf Leiv a"h**.

### Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Manny Henzel and family** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of my sister, **Judi Leff, Yehudis Sarah bat Avraham a"h**; and by **Sharon, Valerie and Max Janovic** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of darling **Joe, Yosef ben Evan z"l**.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Bernard Broome and Janet and Stan Broome** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of our father, **Sidney Broome z"l** and to celebrate the birthday of **Joshua Broome**.

### Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Joseph and Shari Stern Sonnenberg** in honor of the wedding of their granddaughter, **Devorah Sonnenberg to Elad Attias**, and on the birth of great-granddaughters **Tamar Sonnenberg and Roni**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rachael and Jonathan Meisels  
Alicia and Jason Schwitzer

## MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Joseph and Shari Stern Sonnenberg** on the wedding of their granddaughter, **Devorah Sonnenberg to Elad Attias**; and on the birth of great-granddaughters **Tamar Sonnenberg and Roni Glustein**.

## GREET SOMEONE NEW THIS SHABBAT

Let's make our shul an even more welcoming place. If you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself and say "Shabbat Shalom."

## HOSPITALITY SHABBATON

Be a part of the LSS Annual Hospitality Shabbaton. On Shabbat, Nov. 6-7, we hope that every LSS member will share one Shabbat meal with at least one LSS member s/he didn't know before. Sign up now -- just go to the lss homepage or call 212-874-6100 and let us know whether you'd like to be a guest or a host. **Friday night dinner or Shabbat lunch -- pick a meal and make new friends.**

### Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of October 25-30 Sun—Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:45pm

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	Tues, Wed & Friday
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

## SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE—NEXT SHABBAT



Lincoln Square Synagogue is honored to welcome **HaRav Mosheh Lichtenstein**, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion next Shabbat (October 30-31). The Scholar in residence Shabbat is sponsored by **Howard and Tova Weiser**, in memory of **HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l**.

Harav Mosheh Lichtenstein came on aliya with his family in 1971 from New York. He studied at the Netiv Meir High School in Jerusalem, and thereafter, spent a year studying with his grandfather Rav Joseph B. Solovietchik zt"l. From 1979-1985, he did hesder at Yeshivat Har Etzion, serving in the Armored Corps. He received Semicha from the Rabbanut and a degree in English Literature from Hebrew University. Rav Mosheh has been a Ram in Yeshiva since 1992. While on sabbatical in Cleveland during the '97 and '98 academic years, Rav Mosheh served as Rosh Kollel of the Torat Tzion Kollel. He also taught at Bruria, an Advanced Program for Women in Jerusalem from 1992-1997. He is married to Dr. Michal Lichtenstein and has three daughters.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Free Flu Shots • At the Schwab House, 285 West End Ave • Wednesday, October 28th, 2pm-4:30pm**

Courtesy of St. Luke's–Roosevelt Hospital Center. Available to LSS Members. Must be over 18

### **Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, October 28th, at 11:30am**

Join LSS member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to women in the LSS community.

### **Book Club Meeting • Sunday, October 25th, at 7:30pm**

The first meeting of the LSS Book Club has been rescheduled to Sunday night, October 25, 2015 at 7:30PM at LSS. We will be discussing "All Who Go Do Not Return" by Shulem Deen. Rabbi Ysocher Katz who is Chair of the Talmud Department of Yeshiva Hovevei Torah Rabbinical School and Rabbi of Prospect Heights Synagogue will lead the discussion.

### **Cantorial Classics Concert • Motza'ei Shabbat, November 14th, at 8pm • Congregation Rinat Yisrael, 389 West Englewood Ave. Teaneck, NJ • \$36**

Classics featuring our own Cantor Yanky Lemmer and Cantor Yaakov Motzen • Rsvp at [rinat.org/concert](http://rinat.org/concert)

### **Ruth Englander Memorial Shiur • In the Beit Midrash • Sunday, November 15th, at 9:30am**

Please join us following the second Shacharit minyan for a special shiur given by scholar, Mrs. Rachel Friedman, to commemorate the 1<sup>st</sup> yartzheit of our former member **Ruth Englander a"h (Ruchama bat Tzvi Ozer)**. Rachel Friedman is Founding Dean of Lamdeinu, a center for Jewish Learning in Teaneck, New Jersey. She served for many years as Associate Dean and Chair of Tanakh Studies at Drisha Institute for Jewish Education in New York City. She has an MA in bible from Bernard Revel Graduate School at Yeshiva University and a JD from Columbia University School of Law. It is sponsored by Bernice Farbman, her husband and children, Carol Hornung and Barbara Epstein. A light collation will follow the shiur.

### **Film Screening: I Declare Allegiance • Sunday, November 15th, at 7pm.**

Join us for a special evening. LSS film club presents our first film of the season, **I Declare Allegiance**, about an experimental unit in the IDF supporting young men from the haredi community. The documentary follows the new recruits through eight months of basic training. Following the film, we will hear from Prof. Benjamin Ish-Shalom, president of Beit Morasha, which implements many projects involving Jewish identity, values and ethics in the IDF. Advance reservation (at [lss.org/films](http://lss.org/films)), \$10; at the door, \$15.

### **Young Professionals Wine Tasting and Cheese Pairings • Saturday Night, November 21st at 7:30pm**

LSS Young Professionals presents a night of wine tasting & cheese pairing. Light fare and hors d'oeuvres to be served. Register before October 30th for \$10 off. \$35 members; \$40 non. Register at <http://www.lss.org/event/wine-tasting-and-cheese-pairings.html>. Contact Jared Orkin with any questions at [jaredorkin@gmail.com](mailto:jaredorkin@gmail.com).

## BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible (Began Tuesday, October 13th)**. This course, which meets for another **6 weeks, from 6:30-8:00pm**, 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 for LSS members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, October 26th at 6:30pm**, and continue for **3 more weeks**. The classes meet for 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 **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, October 26th at 6:30pm**, and continue for **3 more weeks**. The classes meet for 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 **THIS Monday, October 26th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. 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: Putting up a Mezuzah**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, November 7th, 2015**. **The cost is only \$25 per person. Please note new price. Register and pay online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners).** Please make your reservations and payment by **Wednesday, November 4th**.
- **Save the date!** **Monday, November 9th, 2015, 8:15-9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Introducing our new youth director: Aviva Bukiet

LSS is committed to creating compelling, fun, and educational programming for our youth. Please join us in welcoming **Aviva Bukiet** as our new youth director. Some of you may have already met her in the Shabbat morning toddler group or at a recent event. Aviva is an accomplished educator and experienced leader of programs for Jewish youth. Her enthusiasm for Jewish education, great event ideas, and easy rapport with kids makes her perfect for the role at LSS, and she plans to make a huge impact on our youth programming.

Aviva can be reached at [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org).

Upcoming Youth Events:

**Movie Night—Saturday, October 31st, 7:30pm-9:30pm**  
Come watch *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. You'll sing along to all the amazing songs in the Andrew Lloyd Weber production starring Donny Osmond and Joan Collins; enjoy pizza, ice cream and snacks; and have tons of fun with friends. Be sure to come dressed in colorful clothing. \$5.  
Sign up at [lss.org/youth](http://lss.org/youth)

## SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT



COMMUNITY SECURITY SERVICE

We are profoundly saddened by the passing of our former LSS Security Team Manager and active member Barry Youngerman z"l. May his memory be a blessing to all of us. As Barry did, feel the reward of protecting our children and community; don't neglect it until it is too late. Train with us and become a Cadet. The next class will begin in November. To find out more email LSS Security at [Security@LSS.org](mailto:Security@LSS.org). Remember: "If you see something, say something. Your safety depends on it."

Ian Silver, Chair, LSS security Committee

## ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

### What They Are Really Saying

Arab leaders frequently say one thing in English to the Western media and a very different thing in Arabic to their own people. The **Middle East Media Research Institute** (MEMRI) bridges the language gap between the West and the Middle East and South Asia, providing timely translations of Arabic, Farsi, Urdu-Pashtu, Dari, and Turkish media, as well as original analysis of political, ideological, intellectual, social, cultural, and religious trends. Yigal Carmin, President and Founder of MEMRI will speak at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue (30 West 68<sup>th</sup> Street) on Monday, November 9 at 7:00pm. There is no charge to attend but registration is recommended. Please call the SWFS office at (212) 877-4050 ext. 280.

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

#### Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After Second Minyan (9:15am)

- Journey through the fascinating and compelling world of rabbinic responsa literature, navigating the historical, sociological, and psychological nuances of the Halakic process through study of a seminal responsum each week - all accompanied by a strong cup of delicious coffee or tea.

### MONDAY

#### Invitation to Tefillah w/ Rabbinic Interns Rabbi Jared Anstandig & Rabbi Mark Weingarten • 7:30-8:15pm

- Each week, we explore, uncover, and understand a new aspect of the daily prayers, with the ultimate goal of making Tefillah a more intimate and meaningful experience. **Begins Nov. 2nd**

### TUESDAY

#### Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am Intro to Bible w/ Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30-8pm Beit Midrash Night:

- Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:15pm  
Adultery, incest, rebellion -- the travails of David, the greatest Jewish king -- A great story, complex characters, a subtle, sophisticated text. (**Begins Oct. 20th**)
- 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*)

#### Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:45pm

- A new 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. **Begins Nov. 3rd**

### WEDNESDAY

#### Visiting Scholars Lecture Series • 7:30pm

- Join leading scholars and educators for mini-semester, 4-week courses on a variety of subjects from modern Tanakh methodology to medical ethics. **Begins Oct. 28th**

#### Talmudic Logic with 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: **"Double Jeopardy: A Study of Kim Lei B'd'raba Minei"**

#### Beit Midrash Night • 8:15pm

- 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 • 7:30pm

- Join Senior 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.*



## D'var Echod B'lev Echod

Insights into the weekly Parsha and other matters at the heart of the LSS community

11 Cheshvan 5776 • October 23-24, 2015

Parshat Lech Lecha

By: Jesse Cogan

### The Truth about Cheshvan

Poor, poor Cheshvan. With no holidays, moments, unique brachot or mitzvot, she stands alone. Often prefaced with "mar," she's unique in her bitterness, carrying injustice through eternity.

Chazal give credibility to feelings of inanimate objects. Challah feels shame when the wine goes first. Moshe owed the Nile his life. The moon was haughty and God made her small. Mt Sinai was humble and God made her big.

But is a month capable of feelings? It's a unit of time, not a challah; a division of the year, not a mountain. Months are guided not by how they feel, but by the waxing and waning of the haughty little moon.

Rooted in Akkadian, the language of ancient Mesopotamia, the name of the eighth month has no prefix, she isn't "bitter" at all. Her name is Marcheshvan - one word. It's how the Mishne, Gemara, Rishonim and Acharonim refer to her. And while The OU, LSS and Wikipedia use just Cheshvan, that name is imprecise.

The Ramah points to the halachic implications of this misnomer. What if a scribe, in dating a get, writes just Cheshvan or the two worded Mar Cheshvan? Is the document acceptable? Need it be changed? He leaves no answer, but is obvious in his disapproval. Stop it already! he says. The name of the month is Marcheshvan - one word! Anything else is a mistake.

Following a month driven by spirituality, Marcheshvan is big.

In Tishrei you concentrate on 201 shofar blasts, with the last blast of each day just breathtaking. Soon later, you dip bread into honey at lunch and throw it into the river in the afternoon. Your search for the perfect esrog proves expensive yet you throw it away a week later. Whip the willow, causing havoc to the maintenance staff and a \$5.00 hole in your pocket. Pray it doesn't rain on your succah and as soon as you're finished, pray for it to pour.

"Hellooo!. Real life is back!" says Marcheshvan. "Back to New York, back to school, back on your diet! Bring me your pumped up souls, your over "shullefied" bodies and your satiated appetites. Blend them into the ordinary, dreary months ahead. Face reality!" says Marcheshvan. "I am The Month of Truth."

And yet "truth" shouldn't invalidate folklore; behind legend there is wisdom. Marcheshvan, standing out in a crowd of extroverts, takes ownership of her bitterness while not downplaying her importance.

The Great Flood drowned an immoral world in Marcheshvan. Kristallnacht, the night the Holocaust began, happened that month too. Israel, nervous about her crop, adds Tal Umator to her davening. Prayers for the dead and the sick resume, with no chizuk or encouragement from LiDovid. The leaves change too, and the kids leave and come home in the darkness.

Leaders who stood alone, came too the end of their lives in Marcheshvan. Matisyahu stood up to Hellenism. The Ramban stood up to Christianity. The Abarbanel defied Queen Isabella. Rabin stood up for Peace.

Barry Youngerman stood for inclusiveness, truth and the continuity of the Jewish people. He will forever be remembered in Marcheshvan with her challenge to the marginalized and misunderstood. "Stand up for what you believe," says The Month of Truth, "even if you stand alone."

And Rachel Imeinu. She let her older sister marry first even though Yaakov chose her. She died giving birth to Binyomin, the twelfth of the tribes, completing the destiny of her People. She asked her beloved Yaakov to bury her not with the others in Maarat Hamachpeila, but on the roadside where she would cry for her children as they exile and beam with joy when they return. Like the month in which she died, she sacrifices with no honor. Rachel stands for Motherhood.

Barry Youngerman will always be remembered on the first of the month. Momma Rachel's yahrzeit is today.