

Parshat Chayei Sara– Shabbat Mevarchim **Shaul Robinson** Senior Rabbi

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Nov 2-3 2018

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

5:34pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

5:40pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson

5:55pm Women's Tefillah Group (Belfer Beit Midrash)

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by Rabbinic Intern Zac Schwartz 9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by

Chazzan, Yanky Lemmer.

9:15am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201

9:30am Special Intermediate Minyan (Pre-function room)

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer

10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12

10:02am Latest Shema

11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

11:30am Achdut and Chizuk service (see next page for details)

Shabbat Afternoon

12:30pm Beginners Luncheon (Rm 206/207)

3:50pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:35pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim

Buchwald in (Rm 211) 4:35pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the

Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by

Rabbinic Intern Zac Schwartz 5:20pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Dvar Torah given by

Guest Speaker, Yehuda Glick on "From Terror Victim to

Member of Knesset: A story of Healing"

6:33pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored anonymously in honor on Aviva and Marvin Sussman.

Achdut Kiddush (Ballroom)

Phila, Bellene, and Yoni Gontownik in celebration of Yoni's birthday.

Elana and Frankie Shulkin in honor of their son, Noah's first birthday.

Martine and Jack Schenker in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Martine's father, Henry Krenik z"l.

Beginners Kiddush:

Ira Weinstock in honor of his 71st birthday, which he is happy to be celebrating with his Beginners family, and in memory of Irene Hecht's father, Avraham Hecht z"l.

Nir Yosef in honor of Taliah bat Avraham, Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, Rabbi Romm and Rabbi Kelman.

Golda Hudes in celebration of Ira Weinstock's birthday.

Roberta and Robert Hadi in celebration of their son Jonathan's 25th birthday.

Seudah Shlishit: Lynette and Jonathan Tulkoff who are long time supporters of the One Family organization and in honor of their daughter, Olivia, who recently completed service in the IDF.

ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on Thursday morning 45 minutes and 12 chalakim after 9:00am. Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on Thursday and Friday.

THIS SHABBAT

Friday Evening:

5:40pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

5:55pm: We welcome all those participating in the Women's Tefillah Group (Belfer Beit Midrash)

Shabbat Morning:

9:00am: Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

9:30am: We welcome all those participating in the Intermediate Minyan featuring Kol HaNeshamah A Cappella Group, Dr. Adena Berkowitz and Rabbi Shaul Robinson. (Pre-function room)

11:30am: Achdut and Chizuk service. Join us in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary (see next page for details)

Shabbat Afternoon:

12:30pm: We welcome all those participating in the Beginners Luncheon with special tribute to Bill Greenbaum. (Rm 206-207)

4:35pm: Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur given by Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz on "Marketing, Psychology and Kiruv in Halacha and Hashkafa."

Seudah Shlishit, 5:20pm:

We welcome Guest Speaker, Yehuda Glick. Topic: "From Terror Victim to Member of Knesset: A story of healing."

Yehudah served in the IDF and was elected to the Knesset with the Likud party. He is coming to LSS as a representative

of OneFamily, Israel's premier organization helping victims of terror rebuild their shattered lives.

REMINDER

Reminder to turn your clocks back 1 hour from 2:00am to 1:00am on Sunday, November 4th, 2018.



MAZAL TOV

Daniel Vogel for completing the commander course in the Nahal Brigade of the IDF.

HAKARAT HATOV

Rabbi Jay M. Stein for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

MEAL TRAIN FOR ARIELLA AND MENDEL LAZAROS

Mazal Tov to our Youth Directors Ariella and Mendel on the recent birth of a beautiful baby girl named Sarina Leigh! Mazal Tov also to big sister Margot and the entire extended family.

Let's show our hakarat hatov for all they do for our Youth Department and sign up to the meal

https://takethemameal.com/FGDB2226

HOSPITALITY NEEDS: Please email hospitality@lss.org with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz is in need for Friday night dinner for Nov 9, meals for Nov 23-24, and meals and lodging on Dec 21-22.

Community Educator, Zissy Turner and her husband, Sam, are in need of meals for the following weekends: Nov 16-17, Dec 14-15, Dec 21-22, Jan 11-12, and lodging for the weekend of Nov 16-17.

Joyce Feinberg, 75 Richard Gottfried, 65 Rose Mallinger, 97 Jerry Rabinowitz, 66 Cecil Rosenthal, 59 David Rosenthal, 54

Bernice Simon, 84 Sylvan Simon, 86 Daniel Stein, 71 Melvin Wax, 88 Irving Younger, 69



ACHDUT & CHIZUK

Shabbat Morning: 11:30am: Our hearts are broken following the murder last Shabbat of eleven Jews at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. This Shabbat at Lincoln Square Synagogue we will be holding a special service to pray for healing, consolation, protection, and strength. All of the different minyanim in the shul will gather together in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary at 11:30am where Rabbi Robinson, Chazan Lemmer and other clergy members will lead the community in Tehillim, memorial prayers and niggunim to remember the victims and give strength to each other in the wake of this terrible tragedy. Please join us and together let us lift our eyes and prayers to shamayim.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of you have reached out to me, Tamar, the Rabbi or the officers to ask (or recommend or insist) that specific actions be taken. Different concerns are paramount to different people: some of you are most concerned about providing more visible deterrents, some of you are focused on preventing a vehicle from ramming the building, some on stopping undesirables from entering the building, some on stopping an active shooter inside the building. We would like to address each of them, but each takes a different set of solutions: more paid security staff, bollards outside the shul building, greater police presence, metal detectors, armed security, and more. For this part, I ask that you trust us to take advice and direction from our most experienced, knowledgeable and informed sources. We are in active conversation with CSS, the NYPD and other professional security advisers. They give us the best guidance as to which risks are most real and immediate, how to address them best and how to make sure that we implement a holistic solution that doesn't leave glaring gaps in our security strategy. We won't be slow to act, but we also won't rush to take action before those analyses have been completed and/or show some clear recommendations and actions steps over and above our existing security protocols and practices. There are two things, however, that I do anticipate. One, we will need to raise additional funds to cover some of these costs- whether one-off or ongoing. We will be looking within the shul as well as outside the community. Two, we will be expecting more of you to become active in security - ideally, by volunteering to join the security team (the more people who are in the rotation, the fewer hours any one person will need to commit), or, at the very least, to take the periodic security training courses to understand better the theory and practice of securing a building, assessing a situation, and knowing what to do when you see something suspicious. As these recommendations, costs and timelines become clearer, we will be sharing them with you. As ever, please feel free to provide any input to me (president@lss.org), lan Silver, our head of security (security@lss.org), Tamar, our executive director (tamar@lss.org) or Rabbi Robinson (rabbi@lss.org). Finally, I don't want us to forget that in many ways we do a very good of managing security at LSS. While many of us have been emotionally unprepared for this sort of tragedy, the LSS security team has been prepared for these sorts of events for quite a while. Now, more than ever, I want to commend and thank them for their ceaseless devotion to our community.

A MESSAGE FROM CSS

Our synagogue takes your security very seriously and has the well-being of the community in mind. We have paid security on site whenever the building is open and operate under the guidance of the Community Security Service (CSS). Our dedicated shul CSS team are trained to provide significant security to the premises. CSS strives to protect the lives and way of life of all members of the American Jewish community. In light of the tragic events that transpired in Pittsburgh we are reviewing our protocols and procedures. Your safety is our utmost concern. Be assured that on Shabbos and High holidays when the building is in optimal use we provide additional enhanced security, and we also leverage our police contacts to lend assistance where required. The CSS team are trained to secure the building, provide access control, create a deterrent, initiate counter-surveillance and provide emergency response. This not only disrupts any potential threat but ensures that we are well prepared to respond to any event. Over the last five years we have been successful in securing grants from Homeland Security to harden our building and will soon be installing security doors at the main entrance.

Security should not be the responsibility of just a few in the community. We all have a role to play and skills to contribute. Now more than ever we need the community to join us and learn the skills that will ensure that a tragedy like this never happens again.

The CSS Level 1 Training is a 4-5 hour course spread over 2 evenings. It's an introduction to security and explains how CSS operates and why it is effective. This training is offered to all members of the shul, regardless of age or physical condition. Even if you are not looking to be part of an active team it is useful for members to know how security operates. On completion of the course you would be invited to come train with the security team when we run through drills where you would learn how to protect yourselves and others in case of emergency.

Please email security@lss.org and help protect and secure our community.

THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Letters of support for the families can be sent to:
 - Rabbi Danny Schiff, UJF of Greater Pittsburgh. 234 McKee Place, Pittsburgh Pa 15217 or online at www.jfcspgh.org/communitysupport.
- Letters of gratitude to the local first responders can be sent to:
 - Mayor's Office, City of Pittsburgh, City County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pgh, PA 15219.
- **Daven:** there have been tefillah gatherings and other events in our area to honor the memories of those lost and to pray for the recovery of those injured. Please continue to daven. The power of prayer can never be underestimated.
- Join CSS: We need you now more than ever: email security@lss.org
 - It is our sincere hope that Hashem look upon us with mercy and bless us all with the Bracha of Yeshuot V'nechamot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 4: Book Launch: Reading the Rav: Exploring Religious Themes in the Thought of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik with author, Dr. Moshe Sokolow: 11:00am-12:00pm Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, z"l, was one of the most prominent teachers of Modern Orthodox Jewry. Dr. Moshe Sokolow, Associate Dean of the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education, collects fourteen articles and essays about how Rabbi Soloveitchik understood ideas central to Jewish life, such as the relationship between man and God, the role and centrality of prayer from historical and philosophical perspectives, belief in redemption, the role of Zionism in Judaism, and many others. Dr. Sokolow masterfully weaves in Talmudic, traditional, and modern sources to provide the reader with a deeper understanding of the Rav's position, and a broader grasp of the full range of Jewish approaches to these fundamental questions. The event is free. To help us anticipate the number of guests, please register at www.lss.org/event/booklaunch. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Sunday, November 4: LSS & Drisha presents the Renee and Alexander Bohm Memorial Lecture given by Rabbi Menachem Leibtag on "The Holidays of the Torah: Astronomy, Agriculture, and Theology": 7:30pm Many of the practices of the festivals seem odd or out of place. For example, the practice of saying ya'ale ve-yavo on holidays and Rosh Chodesh, counting both days and weeks in the omer -these practices and others take on new significance when we understand the agricultural roots of the Jewish festivals and the biblical calendar. Join us as we explore this topic and gain a better appreciation for the way the calendar has evolved together with the world. The event is free. To help us anticipate the number of guests, please register at www.lss.org/event/drisha Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Monday, November 5: Meet Aryeh Green, author of My Israel Trail: Finding Peace in the Promised Land: 7:00 pm: A former advisor to Natan Sharansky and head of MediaCentral in Jerusalem, Aryeh hiked the entire length and breadth of Israel on Shvil Israel - the Israel National Trail. The talk, accompanied by photos and video, will describe his intimate encounter with the land, history and people of Israel. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. The event is free. To help us anticipate the number of guests, please register at www.lss.org/event/myisraeltrail Location: Pre-function room

Monday, November 5: Beginners Shmooze: 8:15pm-9:30pm Free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. Location: Room 211

Shabbat, November 9: Shabbat Scholar in Residence: Malke Bina and Shani Taragin of Matan. More details to follow

Sunday, November 11: offsite event: Israel Bonds brunch hosted by the United Congregations for Israel, of which LSS is a member: 11:00am
The program will feature a talk by IDF Sgt. Benjamin Anthony from the "Our Soldiers Speak" organization. Among the honorees are LSS members
Renee Nossel and Nathan Vogel.

Questions? Email Jeffrey Strominger at jeffrey.strominger@israelbonds.com or call 212-756-6614 Location: Habonim Congregation, 103 West End Avenue at 64th street.

Saturday Evening, November 17: LSS Film Club presents "The Testament": 8:00pm The Testament is a multilayered film about identity, truth, and the silence of time. Yoel, a religious Jew and Holocaust researcher whose work drives him to uncover buried war crimes, discovers by chance some disturbing information about his own mother's past. Two mysteries come together in his troubled search for facts and meaning. The director, Amichai Greenberg is a graduate of the Maale School for Film in Jerusalem . Following the film, a discussion with be led by Stuart Weinstock, an adjunct professor of film at Columbia University. Cost: \$15, \$20 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/film. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Sunday, November 18: Acheinu Kol Beit Israel, אחינו כל בית ישראל 7:00pm-9:00pm Join our Israeli heroes, wounded veterans of Israel's wars, for an evening of life-altering true stories and heroism. Guest speakers: Brig. General Avigdor Kahalani (hero of the Yom Kippur War) and Amb. Dani Dayan, Israel's Consul General in New York. A light dinner will be served. Advance registration \$15, \$25 at the door. Proceeds will be contributed to Belev Echod, an organization dedicated to helping wounded veterans of the IDF. Please register as https://www.lss.org/event/courage. Location: Ballroom

Friday, November 30-December 1: Annual LSS Hospitality Shabbaton Be a Guest. Be a Host. Be a Part.

Pick a Shabbat meal and make new friends! Let us know whether you want to host or be hosted- the more we know, the better we can make sure that everyone's a part of this wonderful event. Email: hospitalityshabbaton@lss.org

Friday November 30-December 1: Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton Experience a joyous, full Shabbat together with the rabbis and cantor of Lincoln Square. Intended for participants in LSS Beginners programs. Includes Friday night & Shabbat dinners and exciting classes with LSS rabbis and teachers. Cost of \$50 ncludes 3 meals at the Synagogue. (Note, if you want to join the luncheon alone, you can do so for \$25, as there will not be a Beginners Luncheon in December.) Register at www.lss.org/beginners

Wednesday, December 5: Beginners Chanukah Bash: 7:00pm Lots of Ruach! Dinner with all the Chanukah trimmings! Live music by Pesachya Septimus. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Location: Room 206/207

Friday Evening, December 7: LSS Chanukah Dinner - Join us for a festive Friday night meal. More details to follow

| Weekly Prayer Schedule: November 4 | | | | | | |
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| Day | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | | Thursday Rosh Chodesh | Friday Rosh Chodesh |
| Daf Yomi | 7:45am | 6:15am | 6:20am | 6:20am | 6:15am | 6:15am |
| Shacharit | 7:10am, 8:30am | 7:00am, 7:50am | 7:10am, 7:50am | 7:10am, 7:50am | 7:00am, 7:40am | 7:00am, 7:40am |
| Mincha/Maariv | 4:35pm | 4:35pm | 4:35pm | 4:35pm | 4:30pm | 4:30pm |

Parshat Chayei Sara November 2-3 Written by: Rabbi Jay M. Stein

LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

We Come By Our Insecurity Honestly

"I am a resident alien among you..." (Genesis 23:4)

"Hear us my Lord: You are the elect of God among us." (Genesis 24:6)

"... and we looked like grasshoppers to ourselves, and so we must have looked to them." (Numbers 13:33)

The question of nature verses nurture only gets us so far. The substance of that argument ultimately proves invaluable as a predictor or as an explanation of behavior. Obviously, we are the result of genetics and opportunity, environment and DNA. We become who we become because of the way we created and because of the way we are treated.

In this week's Torah portion we read of Abraham who we believe to be the embodiment of confidence. The Midrash says even as a child he was willing to battle his father over his beliefs. The text of the Torah says he was willing to leave everything he knew to set out into the world, destination unknown to make a new life. He had the military might to snatch his nephew from his kidnappers. He built a fortune and broker deals among world leaders. Yet, in this week's reading he feels like an outsider even though he was perceived as a local asset.

Even those who feel strong, independent and self-assured have moments of vulnerability. In the moment of Sarah's death, Abraham feels just that. In the times of loss and sadness we feel most exposed and our insecurities are amplified. Abraham channels those feelings by throwing himself into the preparation for Sarah's burial and he was blessed not to fall victim to people who might otherwise trample on him.

Finding ourselves in a community that values us is the greatest gift a community can give us in times of defenselessness.

Shabbat Shalom

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

** Please note the **new** topic for the Tuesday Evening Beit Midrash night led by Ron Platzer.

Sunday:

• (CANCELED) Sunday Morning Responsa with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan. Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday:

- Read Hebrew America, Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II: 6:30pm—8:00pm: The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free
 and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Co-sponsored by NJOP. Rm LL201/ Rm 211
- Chug Ivrit given by Hai Piazesky and Dan Munk. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Rm 207
- The Jewish Living Workshop Led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 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. Topic: Zmirot Workshop. Rm 208/210
- Monday Night Beit Midrash Series led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld "Holy Fire: The Piaseczner": 8:00pm-9:00pm. This will be a 4 class series. (This will be the last class). Belfer Beit Midrash

Tuesday:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am- 11:30am. Rm LL201
- Intro to Bible led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30pm-8:00pm This 8 session 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. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Rm 206/207. (This will be the 5th session)
- Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm._M'lachim, the Book of Kings the death of David, the magnificent reign of Solomon and his fall, the split kingdom, the dramatic tales of Elijah and Elisha, and so much more. Join our lively weekly study/discussion group as we analyze, pasuk by pasuk, these exciting Biblical narratives. Rm 211

Wednesday:

• Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Rm 207 Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Rm LL201. Last Week's Topic: Pittsburgh
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Belfer Beit Midrash