

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

5:42pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

### Friday Night

5:45pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Guest Chazzan, Levi Kranz**  
Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

### 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 **Guest Chazzan, Levi Kranz**. Drasha given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** followed by Musaf. Following services, there will be a shiur given, during Kiddush, by **Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz** on "Food for Thought: Vegetarianism, Sacrifice & The Messianic Age"  
9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201  
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
9:59am Latest Shema  
10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12  
11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

### Shabbat Afternoon

3:55pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
4:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the shul lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West (volunteers are needed)  
4:40pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211  
4:40pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz**  
5:25pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Dvar Torah given by **Guest Speaker, Naftali Gross** on "Ethics and morality of the IDF whilst fighting terrorism"  
6:42pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## MAZAL TOV

**Sarah and Rabbi Shaul Robinson** on the engagement of their daughter, Esther, to Shalev Peleg of Miami, Florida.

**Great grandmother Wendy Baker** on the birth of a daughter to her grandchildren Verly and Adi Hoek. Mazal Tov to big brother, Neil, grandparents Laurie & Oded Gafni, Uncle & Aunt Oran and Sharon Gafni, and cousin Eilon Gafni.

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Fred Ehrman** for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

The Fall Clothing Drive this past Sunday went exceptionally well thanks to **Wendy Baker**, all of the dedicated volunteers who stepped forward and thanks to all those that donated. Almost 70 bags of clothing were collected for underprivileged families and individuals.

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## THIS SHABBAT

**Friday Evening, 5:45pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Guest Chazzan Levi Kranz**.

Chazzan Levi Kranz grew up in Brooklyn. He attended Touro College for Special Ed Counseling and is a professional percussionist trainer. He comes from a family of Baalei Tefila Chazanim.

Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.

**Shabbat Morning, 9:00am:** Davening led by **Guest Chazzan Levi Kranz**.

Drasha given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.

**Kiddush Shiur: Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz** on "Food for Thought: Vegetarianism, Sacrifice & The Messianic Age" in the ballroom after services.

**Shabbat Afternoon, 4:40pm:** Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz**.

**Seudah Shlishit, 5:25pm:** We welcome **Guest Speaker, Naftali Gross** on "Ethics and morality of the IDF whilst fighting terrorism." Naftali has been a volunteer for 14 years for Magen David Adom, and has responded to multiple terrorist scenes throughout Jerusalem's street's. He served in the IDF during operation "Protective Edge." He is currently leading delegations of soldiers advocating for Israel on a speaking tour of American Universities.



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

**Hashkama Kiddush: Yehudit and Jeffrey Neuman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Yehudit's mother, Avigayil bat Chaim a"h.

### Main Kiddush: (Gala Kiddush)

**Naomi and Bernie Zweig** as a thank you to Hashem and all those that supported his daughter on her recent climb through Shalva.

**Merav and Michael Veetal** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Michael's father, Joseph, Yosef Yehuda ben Mordechai Velvel z"l, in honor of their children, Rae, Zachary, and Joseph and with sincere gratitude to the entire LSS community.

### Beginners Kiddush:

**Masako (Ruth) Otani and Stephen (Shalom) Baker** in honor of **Golda Hudes** for her contributions to the Jewish community of 72nd street.

**Taliah Chabra and Nir Yosef** in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

**Seudah Shlishit:** Sponsors welcome.

## WELCOME

We welcome **Julie Rosenthal** who has joined our team as our LSS Receptionist. Julie is a graduate from the University of Miami and holds a Bachelors in Creative Advertising. She will be shadowing Robin before Robin begins her maternity leave and will be learning the LSS ropes. We invite you to stop into the office to introduce yourself and say hello. We are thrilled to have Julie on board and are confident she will be an asset to the shul.

## HOUSE UPDATE

Last chance for second floor locker owners to come forward. Any remaining lockers will be reassigned as of Monday, November 5th.

## HOSPITALITY NEEDS

**Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz** is in need of meals and lodging for the following weekends: Nov 9-10, Nov 23-24, Dec 7-8, & Dec 21-21

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

Please email [hospitality@lss.org](mailto:hospitality@lss.org) with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs. Thank you in advance!

Weekly Prayer Schedule: Oct. 28				Mincha/Maariv: Sunday-Thursday: 5:40pm		
Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 30: And What Did She Say?: 7:00pm** Join us for a meaningful conversation about Orthodox Jewish Women's Leadership today. Panel Speakers: Shoshana Keats Jaskoll, Leslie Ginsparg Klein, PhD, Bracha Rutner, Avital Chizhik Goldshmidt. RSVP: [info@chochmatnashim.com](mailto:info@chochmatnashim.com)  
Open to women and men. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

**Tuesday, October 30: Soaring Imagery Workshop: 7:00pm-8:30pm** The What Matters Program introduces Soaring Imagery Workshop. Discover how to tap into your inner strength and wisdom through five centering imagery exercises, walk away with the tools you need to feel calm and connected to your inner wisdom and strength, even during challenging times. Register at [www.lss.org/event/soaringimagery](http://www.lss.org/event/soaringimagery)  
Location: Room 208/210

**Friday, November 2: Women's Tefillah Group: 5:55pm** Women/girls join the Women's Tefillah Group for Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv. Kabbalat Shabbat led by Shara Lipson Schor, Ma'ariv by Sara Nash, and a short Dvar Torah by Golda Hudes. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

**Shabbat, November 3: Special Intermediate Minyan: 9:30am-12:00pm** LSS and Kol HaNeshamah A Cappella Group present a Shabbat Morning Intermediate Service with Adena Berkowitz and Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Join us for a full Shabbat morning service including Torah Reading, at a pace you can follow, and explanations of the meaning and origins of the prayers, discussion of the Torah reading, Q & A session and much more! The event is free. To help us anticipate the number of guests, please register at [www.lss.org/event/intermediateminyan](http://www.lss.org/event/intermediateminyan).  
Location: Pre function room

**Shabbat, November 3: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm** It will be a special plant-based luncheon. The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners) or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, November 1st.  
Location: Room 206/207

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.lss.org/event/myisraeltrail)  
Location: Room 206/207

**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](mailto: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 will 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](http://www.lss.org/film). Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

**Sunday, November 18 : The Heights of Courage: Brig. General (ret.) Avigdor Kahalani: 7:00pm-9:00pm.** The Medal of Valor is the highest military award that the State of Israel awards in recognition for "performing a supreme act of valor while facing the enemy and risking one's life". Meet Brigadier General (ret) Avigdor Kahalani, winner of this highly prestigious award. Avigdor led a vastly outnumbered force of Israel tanks and held back the assault of Syrian tanks in the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War. Also addressing us will be Israel's Consul General in New York, Dani Dayan. Advance registration \$15, \$25 at the door. Proceeds will be contributed to Belev Echod, an organization dedicated to helping wounded veterans of the IDF. Assorted hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please register as <https://www.lss.org/event/courage>. Location: Ballroom

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT

**זרעים** Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210  
**שורשים** Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211  
**ניצנים** Buds (K-1st) Room 208  
**פרחים** Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206  
**ענפים** Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



### Shabbat schedule:

10:00 am - Drop-off (Rooms 206-211)  
 10:45 am - Davening, Circle Time, and Healthy Kiddush (Rooms 206-211)  
 11:00 am - Parsha & Candy: Two Take Home Mitzvot - Hachnasat Orchim & Bikur Cholim  
 11:00am- "Baby & Me" (3rd floor gym)  
 11:10 am - Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Room 206/207, Terrace, or pre-function room)  
 11:45 am - Pickup, Groups end

### Parshat Vayera Dvar Torah

This week's Parshat Vaerah teaches us two important and very practical mitzvot, Bikur Cholim, visiting the sick, and Hachnasat Orchim, inviting guests into our home. The Parsha begins when three angels visit Avraham after his surgery. The angel Michael was there to bless Sarah with a baby, the angel Gavriel was there to destroy Sedom, and the angel Rafael, was there first to help heal Avraham and then go on to save Lot from Sedom.

When the Malachim or angels came close, Avraham says "Adonei...Al Nuh Ta'avor Mei'al Avdecha," "my master, please do not pass by your servant." Rashi says there are two interpretations of Avraham's words. The first is literal, that Avraham was addressing the leader of the three angels, saying please don't pass by without coming in for me to host you and do the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim. Rashi says another meaning was that Avraham was in the middle of speaking to the Shechina of Hashem and Avraham paused this conversation, saying to Hashem, wait there are three guests here, I have the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim. From the second interpretation we can learn that the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim is more important than being together with the Shechina of Hashem.

### After Shul Ask Your Children:

What were the names of the three angels?  
 What was the purpose of each angel?  
 How did Avraham demonstrate Hachnasat Orchim?  
 Who was Avraham's nephew and where was he?

### Baby & Me Recap

This past Shabbat, the babes enjoyed a special circle-time tefilah led by Morah Shira. The babes sang special renditions of Bim Bam, Chicken Soup, and Dinosaur for Shabbat. We then read Shabbos Is Coming! We're Lost in the Zoo, the story of Moshe and Sara lost in the zoo before Shabbat. The animals in the zoo, also preparing for Shabbat, were too busy to help them but finally a friendly giraffe showed them the way home, just in time for their bath! We finished with a second book, A Kiss on the Keppie!



**Shabbat Shalom, Ariella & Mendel Lazaros**

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan - Belfer Beit Midrash.

### Monday:

- **Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky 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](mailto:JLworkshop@yahoo.com). Topic: Putting up a Mezuzah Rm 208/210
- **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](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Co-sponsored by NJOP. Rm LL201/ Rm 211
- **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. (Classes remaining: 29 and Nov. 5) Location: 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](http://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 3rd session)
- **Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm. 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 Lat Week's Topic was *Dealing with Difference*
- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

## The Akeidah Faith and Trust

A central motif of Judaism and certainly in the liturgy of Rosh Hashanah is the binding of Isaac, which according to tradition took place on the New Year.

The successful passing of this almost superhuman ordeal by Abraham resulted in God's promise of the everlasting survival of the Jewish people, and to which event we refer when we entreat the Almighty in times of our own tribulations.

Abraham at the time of the Akeidah was 137 years old, and had gone through many tests to prove to God and the world around him that he was a most devoted and loyal servant to the Almighty. I would like to pose the following question: why was it necessary for Hashem to put his most faithful servant through such an unbelievably trying test? Was there something in Abraham that was lacking which required him to go through this ordeal in order to perfect his virtually flawless character traits? The statement by the angel of Hashem after he calls to Abraham to desist from completing his son's sacrifice, hints of a previous deficiency. "...for now I **know (Yadati)** that you are a God-fearing man" (22:12). Did God not know that Abraham feared and revered Him after being thrown into a burning furnace by King Nimrod and going through all the other trials?

Let us attempt to answer the questions posed about the purpose of the Akeidah by going back to last week's parsha, Lech Lecha chapter 15. Abraham tells God that he is despairing because he is childless. He is immediately taken outdoors and shown the heavens and is told that his offspring will be as numerous as the stars. The narrative then continues and says: "And he had faith in Hashem and attributed to him righteousness." (15:6). Hashem proceeds to tell Abraham that He will give him the Land of Canaan as an inheritance. To which Abraham responds with the fateful words: "How will I **know (Ba'meh aida)** that I will inherit it?" (15:8). What? Abraham the supreme man of faith dares to question the Almighty's promise!

The commentators struggle with this question and are divided into two camps. The first camp defends Abraham and says that he didn't doubt Hashem's word but wanted to know by what merits his descendants would receive the inheritance. Or he feared that they would sin and would lose this legacy.

But there is a second camp that roundly condemns Abraham for questioning the Lord's promise. "How will I **know..**", is answered almost immediately (15:13) by "You will assuredly **know (Yodoa Tayda)** that your offspring will be strangers in a strange land and will be enslaved and oppressed for 400 years." The Talmud in Nedarim 32A says that Abraham was punished for making light of Hashem's promise by his descendants going into the Egyptian exile and slavery.

I would like to offer an alternative perspective. Abraham was the consummate man of faith. *Emunah* permeated his soul. But with those fateful words, "How will I **know (aida)** that I will inherit it?" he displayed a lack of trust in Divine Providence, in *Bitachon*. When Hashem heard those words, he said to himself; "this wonderful man whom I have chosen to be the father of my Chosen People, needs one more test, but only after he comes to develop the *Bitachon*, the trust that he needs in Me, as well as in his own offspring who he fears will sin and cause their own disinheritance." Sixty-two years go by, and *Bitachon* is now as much part of our Father Abraham as is his *Emunah* in Hashem. The long three day journey to the Akeidah with Isaac moves along without hesitation. Abraham has total trust in God that the final outcome will be for the good. As he lifts the razor sharp knife to his beloved son's outstretched neck he never loses that trust and, of course, he is stopped at the last moment by the angel's words.

The connecting strand to this interpretation manifests itself in the verb "*la'daat*" to **know**. Abraham questions the Almighty "*Bameh Aydah*", which results in the foretelling of the Egyptian exile, "*Yodoa Tayda*", and he is finally absolved after the Akeidah when the angel proclaims, "*Ata Yadati*", "...for now I **know (Yadati)** that you are a God-fearing man." The Akeidah was a manifestation of the principle of *Mida K'neged Mida*, a measure for measure. There were three parties who were able to demonstrate an important characteristic at the Akeidah: Abraham, who needed to develop *Bitachon*, trust in the Holy One, demonstrated it to an unparalleled degree. Isaac, representing Abraham's descendants who he earlier doubted would merit the inheritance of the land, was shown to be worthy of his father's trust as well as demonstrating his own trust in the Almighty, when he unflinchingly offered himself in sacrifice. And finally, Hashem Himself whose seal is *Emet*, Truth, and who had previously promised Abraham that only through Isaac would He fulfill His covenant, came through and fulfilled that promise.

A ram whose horns were caught in the thicket near this holy place was offered up in sacrifice in lieu of Isaac. The Midrash tells us of the destiny of its two horns. The left one became the shofar that was sounded on Mount Sinai. The right, one even greater than the left, is to be sounded at the ingathering of the exiles in Messianic times. May that come speedily and in our days.

Shabbat Shalom!