

Parshat Vayetzi

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

4:20pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

4:25pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Guest Chazzan Tzvi Friedman. Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson

Shabbat Morning

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

Parsha Shiur given by Community Educator, Zissy Turner

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Shacharit led by Asher Miller. Musaf led by Guest Chazzan Tzvi Friedman Drasha given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Musaf

9:11am Latest Shema

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

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

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

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

Shabbat Afternoon

2:50pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash

3:20pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim

Buchwald in Rm 211

3:20pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by

Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on "...And Eisav Kissed Yaakov":

Understanding Antisemitism"

4:05pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Guest Speakers, Major Ofir Anidjar

and Brig. General (ret.) Avigdor Kahalani on "The story of the wounding and the rehabilitation of an Israeli combat soldier."

5:19pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Susan and Avery Neumark in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Susan's beloved grandmother, Alice Feist Straus a"h, and in honor of Avery's Bar Mitzvah anniversary.

Main Kiddush: Joyce and David Friedman on the occasion of the aufruf of their son, Adam and his upcoming marriage to Rebecca Miller.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: The Silver Family thanking the community on the Shloshim for Lea Silver a"h and in memory of Jason Silver z"l

Beginners Kiddush: Diane Watkin in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her sister, Joan Karen Lipsey, Chava bat Katriel a"h.

Seudah Shlishit: Revital and Ariel Ackerman for sponsoring Sunday's program "Acheinu Kol Beit Israel" - אחינו כל בית 'שראל

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents Rabbi David and Helene Katz Freedman on the birth of their granddaughter, Gila Adi, to their children Rabbi Yonatan Shai and Rachel Freedman of Alon Shevut. Mazal toy to the Uncles and Aunts Lavey, Aliza, Baruch, and Linda Freedman, and Beny and Yoanna Rofeh.

Rabbi David Freedman, Enid Moskowitz, Ron Platzer, Glenn Richter, Grace Shevel, Shalom Stavsky and Judith Weil on completing Sefer Shmuel (the Book of Samuel) this past week - over 1,500 psukim.

Rabbi Adam Friedman on his upcoming marriage this Sunday to Rebecca Miller, daughter of Asher and Karyl Miller of Jamaica Estates. Mazal Tov also to Adam's parents, Joyce and David, and to his siblings and niece.

THIS SHABBAT

Celebrating the Aufruf of Adam Friedman

Davening in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary:

Kabbalat Shabbat and Musaf will be led by Adam's cousin, **Guest Chazzan Tzvi Friedman**

Shacharit will be led by the Kallah's Father, Asher Miller

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"...And Eisav Kissed Yaakov": Understanding Antisemitism"

Seudah Shlishit, 4:05pm:

We welcome Guest Speakers Major Ofir Anidjar and Brig. General (ret.) Avigdor Kahalani both wounded IDF war veterans of, respectively, the Protective Edge Operation (Tzuk Eitan) in Gaza and the Yom Kippur War. Topic: "The story of the wounding and the rehabilitation of an Israeli combat Soldier."





THIS WEEKEND

Saturday Evening, 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. Please register at www.lss.org/film. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Sunday Evening, 7:00pm-9:00pm:

Acheinu Kol Beit Israel, אחינו כל בית 'שראל: -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 Gala buffet dinner with lots of your favorite Israeli foods will be served sponsored by Revital and Ariel Ackerman. Advance registration \$15 (until midnight Saturday night), \$25 at the door. Please register at www.lss.org/event/courage. Location: Ballroom

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Olga Goister

HAKARAT HATOV

Fred Ehrman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

HOSPITALITY NEEDS: Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging. 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 of lunch on Sat. Nov. 24, both meals and lodging on Nov 30-Dec 1 and Dec. 21-22.

Community Educator, Zissy Turner and her husband, Sam, are in need of lunch on Sat. Dec 15, dinner on Fri Jan 11, and lunch on Sat. Jan 12.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Please register at https://www.lss.org/event/hospitality18 or 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 includes 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.) Please register at www.lss.org/beginners by Monday, November 26th.

Sunday December 2: LSS Museum Tour presents The Battles of Judah Maccabee: 10:15am

Join us for a private guided tour at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Gain a more comprehensive understanding of the history of the Greeks in the Land of Israel, and the events leading up to the story of Chanukah. Cost: \$35. Please register at www.lss.org/event/judahmaccabee

Wednesday, December 5: Beginners Chanukah Bash: 7:00pm
Lots of Ruach! Dinner with all the Chanukah trimmings! Live
music by Pesachya Septimus. Cost: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the
door. Sorry, no phone reservations. Please 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 buffet. Please register at www.lss.org/event/chanukahdinner18. Location: Ballroom

Shabbat, December 15: Women's Tefilah Group. More details to follow.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

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

Monday:

 (Canceled this week) Chug Ivrit given by Hai Piazesky and Dan Munk. 7:00pm-8:15pm.

Tuesdav:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am—11:30am. Rm LL201
- 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 7th 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: How to Leave a Painful Past Behind
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THE SECURITY ISSUES AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITY



LSS Security Head, Ian Silver, will be leading two informational sessions, one on **Wednesday**, **December 12th** and one on **Wednesday**, **December 19th**, covering issues related to securing and protecting our shul, and other Jewish institutions.

All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. You will learn important life skills that will help you in any public situation you may find yourself in (movies, weddings, religious events, social gatherings, theater, etc.)

Ian will be covering the processes and procedures that CSS (Community Security Services) uses in identifying a suspicious person or package, preparing yourself in case of an emergency, responding in emergency situations, and protecting you and your family. Find out why CSS is so effective in protecting our community and how you can be too.

The sessions will not involve any physical activity and no previous security experience is necessary. There is will be no expectation that participants will join the LSS security team (though we hope you might consider it).

To register, visit www.lss.org/event/security

Weekly	Prayer Schedule:	November 18				
Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Thanksgiving Day	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	7:45am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 8:30am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/Maariv	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm

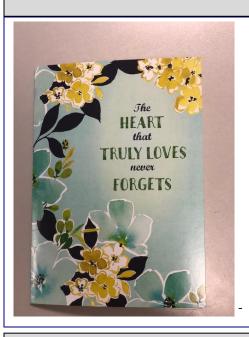
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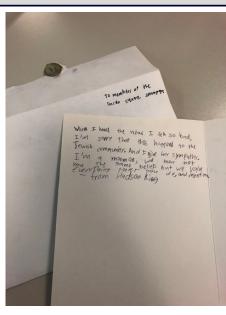


To sponsor a shiur please visit www.lss.org/form/sponsorship Clergy Shiur (\$360) Rabbinic Interns/Community Educators Shiur (\$120)

To read a Dvar Torah written by Harav Amital z"I on The Importance of In-Depth Torah Study: Serving God Through the Intellect, please visit https://www.etzion.org.il/en/importance-depth-torah-study

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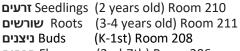
Dear LSS Members,

Last Shabbat LSS Security Head, Ian Silver, was given a card by a young boy walking by with his parent. Please read his words of support and sympathy below and, as we deal with the harshness of the world around us, let us use this as a sweet reminder of the good that exists alongside it.

Wishing all a warm and meaningful shabbat.

"When I heard the news I felt so bad, I'm sorry that this happened to the Jewish Community and I give my sympathy. I'm a Mormon, we may not have the same beliefs but we value everything that you do and respect you. " from Hudson King

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



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: Yakov and Lavan

11:00 am Baby & Me (3rd-floor gym)

11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Room 206-207/Pre-Function)

11:45 am Groups End

Dvar Torah: Parsha Vayetzei

At the end of last week's Parsha, Ya'akov ran from Eisav and left for Choran. In this week's parsha, Ya'akov sees shepherds and asks them if they know Lavan. The shepherds point their

finger at Rachel, Lavan's daughter. Verse 29:11 says that Ya'akov kissed Rachel and he cried. Rashi asks why did Ya'akov cry? Ya'akov cried for two reasons: he saw he wouldn't be buried with Rachel and because he was coming empty handed to Lavan. Eisav sent Elifaz to kill Y'akov. However, when he saw Ya'akov he had mercy and did not want to kill his cousin. Elifaz struggled between obeying his father, Eisav, and not wanting to kill his cousin, Ya'akov. Instead of taking his life, Ya'akov told Elifaz to take all of his possessions because a destitute person is as if he is dead. This is the reason Ya'akov came to Lavan empty handed.

When Ya'akov arrives with Rachel, Lavan tells Ya'akov to work and they agree that after seven years, Ya'akov will marry Rachel. At the end of seven years, on the evening of the wedding, Lavan replaces Rachel for Leah. Ya'akov was angry but Lavan explains that their custom is for the elder daughter to marry first. Lavan tells Ya'akov to celebrate Sheva Brachot and then work another seven years to marry Rachel which he does.

After Shul ask your Children:

Who did Yakov marry first?

What were the names of Ya'akov's children?

What was the deal Ya'akov and Lavan agreed on for spotted

How long did Ya'akov work for Lavan?

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 11/22: 10:00 AM, Thanksgiving Day, Football @ the Great Lawn (Grades 3-6 and 7-12)

Sunday, 12/16: 10:00 AM, Babies & Brunch (Parents and Babies Age 0-2)

Hakarat Hatov:

Talia and Jethro Solomon for sponsoring the next edition of Babies & Brunch! Miriam & Jesse Izaak for sponsoring all of the Shabbos Nosh for Youth Groups!

Baby & Me Recap:

This past Shabbat we welcomed our newest member, Sarina Leigh, and eleven other babes! The group wasted no time getting back into the swing of their morning Brachot, making chicken soup for Shabbat, and finishing with a new PJ Library book, "Many Days, One Shabbat" a story about how each person in the family has a role to play in preparing for Shabbat.

Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel Lazaros

Parshat Vayetzei November 16-17 Written by: Fred Ehrman



What's in a Name?

William Shakespeare famously said, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other word would smell as sweet." (Romeo and Juliet). But in Jewish tradition the name has a much greater significance. It is thought to reflect not only a person's destiny, but also his essence. There is a well-known expression that comes to us in the story of Naval the Carmelite, when he demonstrates his base character in his dealings with David. Abigail his wife, in trying to save her husband's life, says the following. "Ki Kishmo kain hu, Naval shemo u'nevala imo." "He is like his name-his name means Fool, and folly goes with him." (Samuel 1 25:25).

In this week's Torah reading Jacob's first eleven sons are named and each naming is accompanied by the reason for the selection. All of Jacob's sons are considered to be righteous individuals, but we will focus just on two of them, Simeon (Shimon) and Judah (Yehuda). The former was quite problematic, while the latter became the outstanding leader of his family.

Jacob comes to the house of Laban, and falls in love with his younger daughter Rachel who is described as being "beautiful of form and beautiful of appearance." However, he is tricked into marrying Leah, the elder of the daughters, who is pictured as having "weak eyes": only afterwards is he able to marry Rachel, with Laban's rationale that is not customary to "give the younger before the elder."

Leah feels unloved and God sees that she is hated by comparison and allows her to be fertile while Rachel remains barren. Upon giving birth to her second son, she declares, "Ki shama Hashem ki snuah anochi...vatikra shemo Shimon." "Hashem has heard that I am hated...and she called his name Shimon."

When Leah has her fourth son she says, "Hapa'am odeh et Hashem, al kain kar'ah shemo Yehudah." This time let me gratefully praise Hashem, therefore she called his name Yehuda." The Talmud acknowledges this exemplary act of gratitude." Rabbi Yochanan said in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai: "From the day the Holy One blessed be He created the world, there was no one who offered thanks to Him until Leah came and thanked Him, as it says, 'This time let me gratefully praise Hashem.'" (Berachot 7B)

One son will go through life with the burden of a name that reflects his mother's hated status. The other will reflect a totally different and positive response to his birth by his mother, that of gratitude and praise to the Creator.

Let us now view the life experiences of these two sons, much of which is found in the Midrash. We first encounter Simeon when he and his brother at age thirteen enter the city of Shechem after their sister Dinah was kidnapped and raped. Together with his brother Levi in an act of deception, they massacre all the male inhabitants and plunder their households. His father Jacob harshly criticizes them because of this action. Later on, when Joseph, his father's favorite, and the object of much envy and jealousy among his brothers, approaches them, it is Simeon who proposes that Joseph be put to death and it is Simeon who is the one to throw his younger brother into a pit filled with snakes and scorpions. Years later when Joseph is the viceroy in Egypt he has Simeon held as a hostage. The large part of the tribe of Simeon is involved in the idolatry of Baal Peor causing a large loss in their population as punishment. At the end of the Torah when Moses blesses each of the tribes, he omits the tribe of Simeon. And when the tribes were given their allocated lands after their entry into Canaan, Simeon was given living space within the area of the tribe of Judah.

Contrast this with Judah. Judah is honored more than all his brothers in that the descendants of the Children of Israel are called Yehudim. His brothers appointed him their leader. He saved the life of Joseph and thwarted Simeon's plan. He confesses his relationship with his daughter-in-law Tamar which he could easily have concealed and spared her from an unjust death. He is sent ahead by his father to Egypt to Goshen where Rashi tells us he established a house of study. Jacob in his final blessings to his sons says, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah." Centuries later, ten of the tribes are sent into exile leaving only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. King David descended from Judah and all the future kings would come out of this dynasty.

When a family is blessed with a newborn, traditionally a name is given within the first eight days. Often a name of a relative or an admired person is given with the hope that this child will carry some of the positive aspects of the one named after, while at the same time carving out his/her unique gifts given by the Creator. However, we have all witnessed the giving of a name that appears to be totally inappropriate and thoughtless. The stories of Judah and Simeon may give pause to those contemplating taking this path.