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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

4:27pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

4:30pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur on the third floor given by **Dr. Morris Shamah**.

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty

on "Why Avraham?: Smashing the Idols of Terah"

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Drasha given by **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin** followed by Musaf.

9:06am Latest Shema

9:15am Beginners Service led by Dr. Leonard Davidman 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, Rm 208/210)

Shabbat Afternoon

12:30pm Ramaz Chamber Choir Show Location: Ballroom

2:55pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the

Belfer Beit Midrash

3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele

Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West.

(New volunteers needed and welcome)

3:25pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi David Freedman

in Rm 211

3:25pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Community**

Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty on "Avraham and Noach: How

Should the Righteous Interact with the World?"

4:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. **Dr. Muhammad Al-Nabari and Itzik**

Zivan will be speaking on "Israel's Bedouin Society: Challenges

and Opportunities"

una Opportunities

5:26pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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Hashkama Kiddush:

Sponsored by the Zareh and Shoshani families in loving memory of Emanuel's grandfather Shmuel Ben Rivka v' Haviv Yousef z"l.

<u>Main Kiddush</u>: Estee & Elli Friedman and big brother Nathan in celebration of the birth of a baby girl, Ila.

Thank you to **Betty and David Roth** for contributing to our main Kiddush in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of David's father, Nathan Nutee Roth z"l.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Miriam Morgenstern and Michael Laufer in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Michael's father, Jacob Laufer z"l.

<u>Beginners Kiddush:</u> Lorraine Lipinski in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Victor Lipinski z"l.

Sponsored by Beginners Service in honor of Luca Quaglia.

<u>Seudah Shlishit:</u> **Dr. Fabienne Rottenberg** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Chaim Joseph z"l.

THIS SHABBAT

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12:30pm Ramaz Chamber Choir Show <u>Location:</u> Pre-function Room 4:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. **Dr. Muhammad Al-Nabari and Itzik Zivan** will be speaking on "Israel's Bedouin Society: Challenges and Opportunities"

The Ramaz Chamber Choir is a small ensemble of dedicated singers from within the school's larger high school choir. Directed by Daniel Henkin, the Ramaz Chamber Choir performs a range of Jewish and secular music, both accompanied and a cappella. They have participated in national high school choral competitions, at Jewish a cappella festivals, and have performed for communities throughout the US and Israel. The Ramaz Chamber Choir were first place winners at the Kolot Hayam High School Choral Festival in 2014 and 2016, they performed on the CBS Sunday Morning News and are honored to have been selected to appear on a national Best of Jewish A Cappella compilation CD.

Dr. Muhammad Al-Nabari has been mayor of Hura since 2004 and holds a PhD in organic chemistry from Ben-Gurion University. He had a highly successful career in the pharmaceutical industry and brings with him vast experience in the public sector. He represents a new generation of leadership in the Bedouin community, including strong partnership with various agencies of the Israeli government.

Itzik Zivan is a businessman and social entrepreneur in the Bedouin society of the Negev. He has been involved for the last 10 years.

Together, they seek to elevate the standard of living in the Bedouin community.

THIS SUNDAY

November 10: Fall Clothing Drive: 10:00am to 3:00pm

NEXT SHABBAT

- The Shabbat Project is celebrated around the world! The Shabbat Project is a global, grassroots movement that's united 1,000,000+ Jews around the magic of Shabbat. The idea is simple: Jews from all walks of life from across the spectrum of religious affiliation, young and old, from all corners of the globe come together to celebrate and keep one full Shabbat on November 15-16. In celebration of the Shabbat Project Youth & Teens are invited to LSS on erev shabbat from 1:30-2:30pm to chalk shabbat times on the pavement in front of our building and then enjoy some hot chocolate and donuts indoors.
- We welcome from Israel, our Executive Director's brother, Rabbi Noam Fix. Rabbi Fix will be speaking before Mincha and during Seudah Shlishit. Bio & details to come.
- Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading services.
- Cap off this exciting shabbat with a beautiful musical Havdalah!

HAKARAT HATOV

LSS Employee, **Stephanie Iskhakov**, for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

HOSPITALITY NEEDS

LSS Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff is in need of meals and lodging on November 15-16, and 29-30. E: hospitality@lss.org Subject: "Interns"

Weekly Prayer Schedule:						
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
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:25pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 11:

Board of Trustees & Governors Meeting: 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 12: Bridging the Divides, Fostering Inclusivity: Rabbinic, Psychoanalytic, and Academic Perspectives on Traditional Judaism and Contemporary Gender/Sex Identities: 7:00pm This unique panel presents us with the opportunity to begin a dialogue that we hope leads to increasingly greater inclusion of LGBTQ individuals into our Orthodox Jewish community. Rabbi Shaul Robinson will be moderating this event. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/panel.

Thursday, November 14: Challah and Cake Sale: 6:00pm-7:00pm To preorder, please email pastry@susez.com Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer

Sunday, November 17: LSS What Matters Team Presents: Courageous Conversations: 11:00am

Join us for a discussion led by Sarah Robinson and the What Matters team on some of life's most difficult topics including "How Do I Choose My Healthcare Proxy?"

Motzei Shabbat, December 7: LSS Films Present: Children of the Inquisition: 7:00pm

The film takes us on a 500-year trek across continents, following those forced by religious persecution in Spain and Portugal to convert or flee, and reaching across time to their 20th-century descendants, who seek to understand the connections that still resonate within them. Following the film, there will be a Q & A with Joseph Lovett, who wrote, produced, and directed the film. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/film.

Tuesday, December 10: Israel: It's Complicated: 7:00pm

Join us for an in-depth, thought provoking presentation covering key social policy issues in Israel, including education, welfare, labor markets, healthcare and the demographic shifts that affect these areas. The presentation will also cover the paradox of the Start-Up Nation, how while Israel's high-tech sector is admired around the world, income inequality is high and the poverty rate is among the highest in the western world. The speaker will be Avi Weiss, President of the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel. Admission is free but please register in advance to help us plan; please visit www.lss.org/event/itscomplicated.

LSS GOES GREEN

LSS is proud to participate in NYC's Organics Collection Program. Signs are posted around the building to help identify how to dispose of your trash correctly.

Our Green Committee is looking for additional members! Join this meaningful initiative and help make our shul a more environmentally conscious place.

Possible volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to; helping roll out new protocols at our weekly kiddushes such as composting, helping with all recycling efforts, and planning a program that would educate individual community members about what daily changes they can make at home to positively impact our environment.

> Please email Committee Chair, Dr. Meryl Brown green@lss.org.

For more information about organics in NYC visit www.nyc.gov/organics.

We look forward to LSS contributing to making our planet a better place for future generations!

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

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

Monday:

- Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein 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. This year, we will have a special focus on Israeli poetry. Location: Rm 206/207
- Jewish Living Workshop 7:30pm-8:30pm. This will be the sixth of nine classes. Sign up for "hands on" Jewish living experience. We learn by doing. Topic: Putting up a Mezuzah Email: jlworkshop@yahoo.com Location: Rm 208/210
- Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II 6:30pm-8:00pm. The 5 classes last one and a half hours, and are free and open to all. This is the second of 5 classes. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.
- Stories to Wake Us Up: Dreams, Parables & Stories: The Radical Vision of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am-11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- Introduction to Bible Class led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30pm-8:00pm. Cost: \$90, free to LSS members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners. Location: Rm 206/207
- Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 211

Wednesday:

• Jewish Science Series with Paul Shaviv Topic: Disruptions: The Center of the World?: the Earth or the Sun. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Thursday:

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

#LETSCHALKSHABBAT

Step 1: Join us at LSS on Friday, November 15 at 1:30pm.



Step 2: Chalk it up! Draw reminders to light Shabbat candles on Amsterdam Ave by using stencils and chalk and have some donuts and hot chocolate while you're at it



Step 3: Let the chalking do the talking. Spread the word about Shabbat and candle lighting times in your neighborhood



DVAR TORAH

November 8-9 By: Stephanie Iskhakov

Parshat Lech Lecha

At the end of parshat Noach, we are given two brief points that introduce us to Avraham: he was born and then he was married. The

next thing we know is Lech Lecha: "Go forth from your land and from your birthplace and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you." What an interesting way to introduce the father of the

Jewish nation. Why does the written Torah not give us any other information about Avraham until he's 75 years old? The Midrash, of course, shares with us some fascinating episodes from Avraham's youth

that help fill in the blanks, but the fact that the written Torah doesn't explicitly mention these details is hard to ignore.

The Maharal shares an insight as to why the Torah does not tell us about Avraham's previous greatness. He teaches that Avraham was introduced as the father of the Jewish people at age 75, to demonstrate that G-d's relationship with us is not contingent on our past behaviors.

Rather, it was an intrinsic choice that G-d made in Avraham and all his descendants. Were Avraham's previous accomplishments to be recorded, one could come to the false conclusion that G-d only chose

Avraham because of his deeds, and someone who is not on that spiritual level would not be considered a Jew in G-d's eyes. The Abarbanel gives another reason why this information was left out. He says that everything that Avraham did until now was based on his

own understanding. Lech lecha was the first mitzvah that Hashem gave Avraham. This is the first time that Avraham is following a direct commandment of Hashem and not following his own free will. The Abarbanel goes on to say that the Torah wants to focus on the actions of tzadikim that are done not according to their own will but simply because G-d said so.

This is an interesting point; typically we praise people when they do something of their own accord rather than because they are told to.

So why does the Abarbanel say this? The Chassidic masters teach that the root of the word mitzvah is tzavta, which means "connection." Every time a Jew does a mitzvah, they connect to the infinite, and this action has the capability to connect two diametrically opposite entities:

finite and infinite. Something done of our own accord only has the capability of a finite human being.

To summarize, this missing information in the written Torah is emphasizing an important lesson, which is twofold: On the one hand we have the Maharal, who teaches us that our connection to G-d is intrinsic and independent of our behavior. On the other hand, we have the lesson of the Abarbenal, who teaches that while our intrinsic connection is there, when we do a mitzvah and we follow G-d's commandments, we enhance our inner connection with G-d.

dichotomy and turn it into a trichotomy. It explains that there is a triangular relationship between the Jewish people, G-d and the Torah. As the children of Avraham, we have an innate connection with G-d, and we have another connection with G-d that we can strengthen through Torah study and mitzvot.

The mystical teachings of the Zohar help us connect this confusing

Even though we are only introduced to Avraham when he is 75 years old, all of the episodes of his prior life are intrinsically instilled within us. But where we will reap the most reward is when we go beyond what is intrinsic and reach for something that is infinite.

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

We are currently looking for writers for: Parshat Vaera (1/25) Parshat Beshalach (2/8) Parshat Mishpatim (2/22)

Email dvar@lss.org or see Bill Greenbaum in shul.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210 Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211

Buds ניצנים (K-1st) Room 208 Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206 ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



Schedule:

10:00am: Drop-Off (Room 208/210, 211)

10:45am: Davening, Circle Time, and Baby & Me (208/210)

11:10am: Recreation, Games, and Rehydration

11:30am: Parsha & Candy: What does Lech Lecha mean?

11:45am: Groups end

Dvar Torah:

This week's Parshat Lech Lecha introduces Avraham, the very first Jewish person. Hashem told him, "Go forth to the land that I will show you" and Avraham did, along with his wife Sarah and his nephew Lot. Eventually, Avraham settled in Chevron where he immediately built a mizbeyach, an altar, to serve Hashem.

Why was the altar the first thing Avraham built? Rashi explains that Hashem promised Avraham a powerful nation, and the land of Israel, would descend from his children. Avraham was grateful and built an altar out of gratitude. The Ohr Chaim wrote that Avraham built the alarr not as thanks for future gifts that would be bestowed on him, but as a reaction to the incredible and holy experience of Hashem's appearing in front of him. Avraham was not only excited about the possibility of a great nation, but about creating a great nation for and together with Hashem.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

- Who was Avraham married to?
- 2. Where did Avraham first settle?
- 3. What does Lech Lecha mean?
- 4. How does the translation for "Lech Lecha" relate to the story in this week's parsha?

new land that Hashem would show him. Hashem told Avraham to Lech Lecha, to leave his home, and go to a "Go forth :or "leave" Chevron

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Upcoming Events: To sponsor an event please email youth@lss.org

Friday, November 15: Teen & Youth: Let's Chalk Shabbat: 1:30pm Join us to kick off the Shabbat Project as we take on Amsterdam Ave with sidewalk chalk and Shabbat stencils. Then enjoy some hot chocolate & dunkin donuts indoors. Sponsor needed

Motzei Shabbat, November 16: Glow in the Dark Musical Havdalah Join us after Ma'ariv for a glow in the dark musical havdalah followed by an ice cream sundae bar. Sponsor needed for ice cream bar

Sunday, November 17: Youth: Critters & Cream Cheese: 10:00am: Sponsored by Anat & Adam Goodman (ages 0-5)

Sunday, November 24: Teen Bagels & Brachot: 10:00am Sponsor needed

Sunday, December 22: Youth & Teen Chanukah Chagiga: 11:00am-1:00pm Sponsors needed



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

Our Clothing Drive Needs:

- We need your gently-used clothing in clean condition.
- Please sort by men's, women's, and children's.
 Coats & Winter clothing are encouraged.
- Please do not bring clothing on hangers as they puncture the packed bags
- Remember that someone has to wear your clothing, so please let them have clothes they can wear with pride. Thank you!

Our Volunteer Needs:

- Sorters and Packers 9:00am-3:00pm
- Drivers with large cars (SUV's or minivans preferably),
 "Schleppers" to bring clothes to a nearby apartment and to accompany drivers to unload cars - 1:30pm-3:00pm
- One or two volunteers to sit at a table and write receipts

If you are able to volunteer (8 years +) please contact the shul office

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Sunday, November 17th, 10:00am to 11:30am



Bagels & Co. brunch and a post parshat Noach animal show!

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Bridging the Divides, Fostering Inclusivity: Rabbinic, Psychoanalytic and Academic Perspectives on Traditional

Judaism and Contemporary Gender/Sex Identities

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 7:00PM

Rabbi Shaul Robinson, Moderator Rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue



This unique panel presents us with the opportunity to begin a dialogue that we hope leads to inc inclusion of LGBTQ individuals into our Orthodox Jewish community. We hope to educate all about the current search on the concepts of gender/sex identity, the challenges facing LGBTQ members of the Orthodox community. and their families, the challenges facing rabbinic leadership and mental health professionals and innovative ways rabbinic leaders, psychotherapists, academics and community leaders are attempting to address these challenges. Join us for this important dialogue about creating inclusion in the Orthodox community for our LGBTQ members.



Rabbi Mark Dratch, MSW ecutive Vice President of th abbinical Council of America



Jeremy Novich, Psy. D. practice in New York City



Michelle Friedman, M.D. sychiatrist and Psychoan hair of Pastoral Counseling at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah



Rabbi Hyim Shafner, LCSW Rabbi of Kesher Israel: Th Georgetown Synagogue,



Miryam Kabakov, LCSW



Alan Slomowitz, Ph. D.

Clinical psychologist, supervisor of psychotherapy and faculty at Institute. Lead editor of the new Transsexuality, Psychoanalysis and Traditional Judaism (2019



To register and/or purchase Alan Slomowitz's book, visit: www.lss.org/event/panel



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