

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

4:25pm Candle Lighting

4:30pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Neirot Shabbat Shiur and Kiddush

Following Maariv join us for a shiur given by Rabbi Efraim Tepler in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary, followed by a hot kugel kiddush in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer. Topic: No Punishment Until I'm 20?

Exploring the Ways of the Heavenly Court. Sponsored by LSS Co-Presidents, **Paris Wald-Stulbach and Michael Doppelt.**

4:42pm: Sunset

5:11pm: Repeat Shema

Shabbat:

7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Sokolow on the third floor.

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Efraim Tepler

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

Baked Goods Kiddush to follow in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer

Ramaz Chamber Choir in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary during kiddush.

9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;

Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush follow.

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan;

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbinic Intern Ilan Kaissar;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

9:07am Latest Shema

10:00am Youth Groups; Supervised play. Location: Second floor classrooms for ages 3+ and Room LL2 for ages 0-2

3:25pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Intern Ilan Kaissar Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

4:10pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Belfer Beit Midrash featuring Guest Speaker Shayna Abramson. Topic: Is There an Obligation to Live in Israel in Times of Danger?

Hebrew only shiur with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Raciz in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

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4:41pm: Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

5:24pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

**Please note that Beginners Mishna Chabura is canceled this week.*

MAZAL TOV

Daniel and Valerie Feder on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Kurt Moskovitz. Mazel tov to siblings Sophia and Jeremy.

Grandparents Michael Laufer and Miriam Morgenstern on the birth of a girl, Aurelia Maytal, to their children Tova and Dov Mogyoros.

Former youth directors **Romy and Avraham Sanger** on the birth of a boy.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Alana Warhit and Kevin Beckoff
Stefanie and Jonathan Ruch

THIS SHABBAT

Ramaz Chamber Choir After Musaf: We are thrilled to welcome the Ramaz Chamber Choir this Shabbat! At the beginning of Kiddush, the Choir will be performing in the Main Sanctuary. The Ramaz Choir is a small ensemble of strong, dedicated singers from within the school's larger high school choir. Directed by Daniel Henkin, the Choir performs a range of Jewish and secular music, both accompanied and a cappella. Winners of the 2023 Kolot Hayam Jewish Day School Choir Competition, they have participated in national choral competitions and Jewish a cappella festivals, and have performed for communities throughout the Northeast, West Coast, Canada and Israel.



Guest Speaker Shayna Abramson During Seudah Shlishit: Shayna Abramson, daughter of Joel and Blima Abramson, is a native Upper West Sider, currently based in Jerusalem. An alumna of Beit Midrash Harel, Shayna has M.A.s from Hebrew University in Political Science and Jewish Education, and is currently pursuing a PHD in Gender Studies at Bar Ilan University, with a focus on gender and contemporary Dati Leumi halacha.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush:

The Roxland Family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their grandfather, Velvel Ben Yitzhak, z"l

Yana and Joshua Lukeman in honor of our brave IDF soldiers.

Margy-Ruth Davis in celebration of her husband Perry's milestone birthday and in gratitude for 50 years of loving marriage .

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Daniel and Valerie Feder in honor of the upcoming marriage of their daughter Rebecca Feder to Kurt Moskovitz.

Beginners Kiddush:

Roberta and Robert Hadi in honor of the birthday of their son Jonathan.

Seudah Shlishit

Malki and Jonathan Perl in honor of their son Ely's Bar mitzvah, Mazal tov to the whole Perl, Roth, and Blumenfrucht families.

Chavie Kahn and Heshy Kofman l'ilui nishmas Rabbi Solomon Kahn on his yahrtzeit and for chizuk for Tzahal and the hostages.

**Please note that there will be a baked goods kiddush in the lobby.*

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 12th: Israel at War: The Beacons of Light in the Midst of Darkness: 10:30am: Rav David Stav from the Tzohar organization will discuss the unprecedented achdut (unity) among the diverse groups making up Israeli society, the thirst for spirituality, the importance of local communities and volunteers. Rav Stav will also discuss the unprecedented halachik and moral dilemmas, and the new challenges Israelis face since October 7. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.



***Offsite* Sunday, November 12th: The Future of the American Jewish Community & College Campuses: 9:15am:** The Manhattan community invites you to a shiur commemorating the 1st yahrtzeit of Tobias (Teddy) Berman z"l. Location: 131 West 86th Street. E: kollelyomrison@yu.edu

ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on **Monday morning** at 17 minutes and 2 chalakim after 7 am. Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on **Tuesday.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, November 13th: Israel Fair:

5:00-9:00pm: On October 7, the worldwide Jewish community changed forever as a result of the horrific terror attack. We are all seeking ways to make a difference. Join us as we come together to support artists and vendors from across Israel whose businesses have been affected by this tragedy. There

will be hand-made leather goods, hand-made wood crafts, jewelry, sculptures, artwork in a variety of mediums, Judaica, kippot, designer clothing and fragrance products. \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. All proceeds go to the artists. Register at www.lss.org/form/israelfair2023. We also need volunteers to help from 4:00pm and on. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/LSSIsrael> to volunteer. Please come out and support the Israeli economy!

Tuesday, November 14th: Israel Rally: 1:00pm: The Jewish Federation of North America, along with many other groups, have organized what it hopes will be a substantial pro-Israel rally at the National Mall in Washington DC. Bus pick up in front of LSS (180 Amsterdam Ave) at 7:00am, and leaving Washington to NYC following the rally (time TBD). Snacks, water, and Israeli flags will be provided. Registration is now closed. Those that have already registered should expect an email with more info coming soon.

Wednesday, November 15th: Facts and Faith: Brothers and Sisters for Israel: In Battle and On the Homefront: 7:00pm: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Lee Moser, Founder and Managing Partner at and Ventures. Lee uses her extensive investment experience and global network to accelerate and support startups. With a background as the Chief of Staff to Michael Oren, the Israeli Ambassador in Washington, DC, and experience as a Senior Consultant at BlackRock, a global leader in investment, she played a pivotal role in establishing the company's presence in Israel.

Lital Leshem, Major (Res.) in Intelligence, Southern Command, is an American-Israeli entrepreneur and corporate advisor experienced in rapidly scaling startups into successful operating companies. Lital is the co-founder of Carbyne, the world's premier cloud-based public safety solution. She has been featured as a 'Forbes 30 under 30' and is the winner of the TLV Startup Challenge. Lital is a founding member of the UAE-Israel Business Consol., and has a long track record of implementing complex technology-enabled solutions for governments, military organizations, and civilian customers.

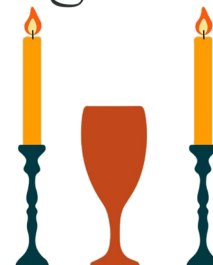
Since October 7, Lee and Lital have held leadership roles with "Brothers and Sisters for Israel" a grassroots organization that has helped feed and find housing for tens of thousands of displaced people from the South and North of Israel and has distributed tons of much needed supplies to IDF soldiers. Virtually overnight, the team created a database and computerized system for matching people's real-time needs with supplies and equipment. They created distribution warehouses on a scale that would make

Sunday, November 19th: Film & Culture Committee Presents

'Harmony': 3:00pm: Location: Barrymore Theatre
Join LSS members to see 'Harmony', a moving and relevant musical featuring Barry Manilow's evocative melodies and Bruce Sussman's gripping storytelling. Grounded in a true story, the play traces the difficult journey of the 1920s Comedian Harmonists, a sensation in Jewish and Gentile German communities. As they grapple with history's

unpredictable twists and turns, 'Harmony' unfurls a narrative of extraordinary talent, unbreakable friendship, and the enduring, transformative power of music in a world constantly in flux. Theatre and post-theater discussion and light bite location TBD. There are a limited number of \$160 orchestra tickets, so a two-ticket maximum purchase exists. Tickets are open for LSS members only. Register at www.lss.org/form/harmony.

Shabbat
Shalom



YOUTH & MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENTS

Youth Groups: 10:00am: Location: Second Floor Classrooms. Supervised play.

Baby & Me: 10:00am-11:30am (ages newborn-2): Join us on Lower Level 2: a dedicated space for our Newborn program on Shabbat in LL203. From 10-11:00am parents and babies spend time together (no LSS supervision). At 11:00am a 30 minute Baby & Me program will begin. Through songs, Devorah Batt leads a fun and interactive program for your little ones. A nursing area is available on LL2 in the same room.

Thank You Cards for Police Officers: We are collecting thank you letters for the local Police precinct in a mailbox in the lobby. Please take a thank you card from the lobby or make a homemade thank you card to express your appreciation. We will be giving it to them in time for Thanksgiving! Let's thank these honorable police officers for their service!

Dear Parents,

We think it is important for parents to be involved as part of the shul's security efforts. We would like to have parents stationed outside each youth group room—3 parents every Shabbat—one stationed outside LL203, one outside 206/207 and one outside 208/210. The parents will be given walkie talkies and will hear CSS communication. In the event of an emergency, parents will be able to respond by entering the youth room and working with the leader to secure the space.

We would very much appreciate your participation. If you are willing to get involved please email security@lss.org.

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit

Sunday, November 12th @ 7:10am & 8:30am

Monday, November 13th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday, November 14th (Rosh Chodesh Kislev) @ 7:00am & 7:40am

Wednesday, November 15th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, November 16th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Friday, November 10th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday-Tuesday, November 12th-14th @ 4:30pm

Wednesday & Thursday, November 15th & 16th @ 4:25pm

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 12th

- **9:15am Kosher Made Clear - Hilchot Kashrut Tzurba Style:** Led by Rabbi Efraim Tepler. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Monday, November 13th

- **7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot** (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin: This class is taught almost exclusively in Ivrit. This week's class will be held in person. Location: Room 206/207.
- **7:30-8:30pm: Jewish Living Workshop:** Topic: Chanukah Register at www.lss.org/beginners
- **8:15pm: The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer:** If you are interested in joining, please contact Ronald Platzer at RPlatzer@citytech.cuny.edu.

Tuesday, November 14th

- ***CANCELED* 11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha"**
- **7:00pm - 8:30pm: Introduction to the Bible on Zoom with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald:** This course offers a broad look at the Bible's content and style. We'll explore fundamental literary and theological approaches to studying the Bible, both traditional and modern, by analyzing its text. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. To sponsor reach out to jessica@njop.org

Wednesday, November 15th

- **7:00pm - 9:00pm: Facts and Faith:** A series of talks by prominent experts on Israel and Security Issues, followed by a choice of Torah classes. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
7:00pm - 7:50pm: Lecture by Lee Moser and Lital Leshem. Topic: Brothers and Sisters for Israel
8:10pm - 9:00pm:
 Rabbi Gottesman: War and Peace in Jewish Thought
 Rabbi Tepler: Eretz Yisrael in the Parsha
 Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow
 Bezalel Racz: Expressing Pain Through Tehillim
- **8:00pm: Jewish History Course with Paul Shaviv Fall 2023: Christians and the Shoah - Six Case Studies:** Topic: Righteous Diplomats - Lifesaving Visas. Meeting ID: 898 7905 4195 Passcode: 312546 (remaining classes on November 8, 15, 22, 29, and 12/06). Sponsored by Karen & Roy Simon.

Thursday, November 16th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: Gemara Makot Class:** led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: LL201
- **11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533
- **7:00pm: Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha:** Led by Rabbi Robinson. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am, Monday and Thursday at 6:10am, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and Virtual. Details on www.lss.org/LearningOpportunities

SHABBAT GREETERS

Donate your time and be a greeter! When people first walk into our shul, they should be greeted by helpful, friendly people. Become a greeter on Shabbat and help convey the true spirit of LSS. There are two morning greeting shifts (9:00-10:00am and 10:00-11:00am), with one greeter per shift. You will enjoy meeting new people, putting names to faces, and helping to make every person who walks into shul feel welcome. Register at www.lss.org/form/greeter. If you have any questions or need help signing up please email president@lss.org.

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

LSS has demonstrated incredible but unsurprising emotional and financial support for the people of Israel at this tragic time. We want to do so much, but arguably the most we can offer is through financial support to organizations that have long functioned on the ground in Israel, with the infrastructure, logistics and documentation required to provide critical resources and services quickly, under extreme pressure and in dangerous locations. There is a long list of such worthy groups, but we highlight three which we believe are in the best position to be highly effective right now. They are:

1. United Jewish Appeal (UJA): www.ujafedny.org/israel-emergency-fund
2. Friends of Israel Defense Forces (FIDF): www.fidf.org/
3. Magen David Adom: <https://afmda.org/donate/>
4. We have an Israel Emergency Relief Fund. Rabbi Shaul Robinson and a small committee direct funds to people on the ground in Israel who can help specific individuals and families in need. If you would like to donate to this fund, please visit www.lss.org/payment.php and select Israel Emergency Relief Fund from the drop down menu.
5. Tell America's leaders to continue standing with Israel at https://p2a.co/bRaVejb?utm_source=AIPAC&utm_medium=SI&utm_campaign=DIN2486. Join Lincoln Square Synagogues campaign in partnership with AIPAC by emailing Jared Sapolsky: Jsapolsky@aipac.org

In addition to your generosity of time and money, we ask you all to maintain your generosity of spirit towards Israel. Please check in with people there and be as present as possible with your community here. We are all in pain and we will all do better if we support one another. *Are you aware of resources related to the war that you think we should include on our website? Email: supportisrael@lss.org*
 Michael Doppelt and Paris Wald Stulbach, Co-Presidents
 Rabbi Shaul Robinson, Senior Rabbi,
 Tamar Fix, Executive Director

CSS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The news in Israel proves more than ever the importance of security. Our small team greets you when you arrive and ensures your safety by screening all who enter. But we need you to join us, we need a bigger team. With enough new volunteers, a commitment of one two-hour Shabbat shift every six weeks is all we need to ask of you. Please answer the call to volunteer.

We have reviewed our security protocols. Some protocols will be noticeable and others not. When you arrive at synagogue, be prepared to make time to assist security as requested. We will ask members to take 15 minute stints to man the inner doors which will be kept locked during services. If you see something suspicious report it to a CSS member. **To volunteer email: security@lss.org**

Please note that the deadline to submit all content for the Echod, other than sponsorships, is Wednesday at 3pm.



Parshat Chayei Sara/Shabbat Mevarchim

By: Margy-Ruth Davis

Is There a Happy Ending?

“And Avraham took another wife and her name was Keturah” (25.1)

Based on an early midrash in Bereishit Rabba, Rashi identifies Keturah as Hagar. Keturah — because Hagar’s deeds were as beautiful as incense (ketoret) and because she had not been with another man. The Kli Yakar, Chizkuni, and the Zohar all agree.

Other commentators oppose this connection, sometimes vehemently – Rashbam, Ramban and Ibn Ezra among them.

Rashi’s statement is puzzling. Earlier in the text, Rashi has criticized Hagar harshly. After she and Yishmael are cast into the desert, we are told that “she went and she wandered” (21.14). Rashi picks up on the redundancy and tells us, “she reverted back to the idols of her father’s house.”

Why is it so important to identify Hagar and Keturah? What’s behind it?

The answer may lie at the start of the story, in the arc of Avraham’s life and, perhaps, in the wish for a happy ending.

At the start of Lech Lecha, Avraham travels to Canaan with his wife Sarah and with Lot and “all the souls they had made in Charan” (12:5). God has promised to make Avraham into a great nation. There will be descendants too numerous to count. And yet, this is not a stable family and certainly not an auspicious beginning to the Jewish people.

Avraham and Lot become wealthy and their shepherds quarrel. Even as Avraham tells Lot that they are brothers – and the text repeats this for emphasis – it is his idea that they separate. Making no attempt at reconciliation, Avraham says, “please part from me” (13.9).

Twice, Avraham is willing to give Sarah up, first to Pharaoh and later to Avimelech. In each case, God must intervene and return Sarah to him.

Hagar runs away because Sarah is dealing harshly with her. This is a low point, but also the first hint we have that a reconciliation may ultimately be possible. An angel appears to Hagar at a well, which she names, “Be’er Lechai Ro-i,” because there she has encountered “the God of seeing” (16:13-14).

When Avraham turns 87, there is finally a child. Avraham loves Yishmael and beseeches the Almighty that Yishmael be chosen to inherit his destiny. But at Sarah’s demand – and with God’s endorsement – he is forced to send Hagar and Yishmael away.

Yitzchak is left as the sole spiritual heir. Then, Avraham faces the grave, existential threat of losing him at the akeida.

As Chayei Sarah opens, the Abrahamic nuclear family has dissolved. The great test of the akeida is over and Avraham returns to Beer Sheva alone. Yitzchak does not accompany him; we are not told where he is. Hagar and Yishmael are gone. Sarah has not been waiting for Avraham in Beer Sheva. She dies alone in Kiryat Arba, near Hebron. Only Avraham comes to mourn her. Yitzchak is not there.

It is left to Rivka and Yitzchak, separately and together, to knit back the family and to relaunch the Jewish destiny.

As those closest to Avraham were leaving him (or being left), the

Patriarch was steadfast in his hospitality to travelers and strangers. If he could not keep his own family together, he could at least be welcoming to others. It is no accident that this is the very trait that Avraham’s servant summons to find a wife for Yitzchak.

Rivka channels Avraham’s warmth. The text again highlights the connection. Avraham runs and hurries to care for the three visitors, unaware that they are angels. The words “and he ran” and “and he hurried” are repeated three times each as Avraham rushes to make his guests comfortable (18: 2-7).

So, too, Rivka. She runs and she hurries – and again the words are repeated in quick succession – as she takes care of Avraham’s servant and his camels. The servant’s description is compelling and the matter seems divinely ordained. As Avraham has done before her at the start of the saga, Rivka leaves her father’s house for a new destiny.

Rivka and the servant encounter Yitzchak on the way. He is coming from Be’er Lechai Ro’i, the very site that is connected to Hagar. Again, based on the midrash in Bereishit Rabba, Rashi posits that Yitzchak has come to escort Hagar to Avraham, so that the two can marry.

Rivka rekindles Sarah’s legacy. Yitzchak takes Rivka into his mother’s tent “and he took Rivka and she became his wife and he loved her. And Yitzchak was comforted on the loss of his mother”(24:67). Rashi returns to midrash and tells us that the miracles of Sarah’s tent also blessed Rivka: a candle burned from one Shabbat to the next; there was a blessing in the dough and a cloud hovered overhead.

Even Yishmael returns to the family. When Avraham dies, Yitzchak and Yishmael bury him together. Especially compared to Avraham’s solitary mourning of Sarah, we can imagine that now the two brothers are on good terms.

When Avraham dies, his family again includes both his sons. It includes Rivka as a surrogate for Sarah and also Hagar. In the coming parshiot, there will again be jealousy, rivalry and strife. For the moment, however, in Rashi’s view, the family is whole and at peace. And Hagar/Keturah has an essential role in the story.

Shabbat Shalom

This Dvar Torah was originally published in the Echod of November 22-23, 2019.

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