

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

5:32pm Candle Lighting

5:35pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

5:50pm: Sunset

6:21pm: 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;

Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

After Musaf there will be a Siyum Tanach

Gala Main Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.

Lecture by Dr. Tamar Kahane. Topic: What Do I Tell My Child? Using Tragedy To Grow Resilience. Moderator: Sarah Robinson.

Location: Pre-Function Room

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 Rabbi Efraim Tepler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

10:03am Latest Shema

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

12:30pm Beginners Shabbat Luncheon. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

3:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

4:30pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Gottesman in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

5:15pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Followed by Seudah Shlishit.

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

5:49pm: Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.

6:32pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rita Friedman

MAZAL TOV

Susan and Avery Neumark on birth of a girl to their children Alyse and Joshua Rozenberg. Mazal tov to great grandfather Melvin Neumark and aunt and uncle Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands.

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit

Sunday, November 5th @ 7:10am & 8:30am

Monday, November 6th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 7th & 8th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, November 9th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

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

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday - Thursday, November 5th- 9th @ 4:35pm

THIS SHABBAT

Siyum Tanach: In Memory of our Murdered Brothers and Sisters, and for a Merit to bring back our beloved Hostages and for the Protection of our precious Chayalim. Please see the schedule for further details.

Lecture by Dr. Tamar Z. Kahane: All parents are invited to an open conversation with developmentally appropriate guidance for communicating with your child at this challenging time. Session led by Dr. Tamar Z. Kahane and moderated by Mrs. Sarah Robinson



About Dr. Kahane: Dr. Kahane is a seasoned clinical psychologist and founder of The Kahane Center, LLC, a mental health facility offering comprehensive services for adults, families, adolescents, and children. With over 25 years of experience, she specializes in social cognition, social skills groups, and executive functioning. Dr. Kahane is known for her expertise in treating various disorders, including depression, anxiety, OCD, ADD, and ASD. She trains psychologists, collaborates with educators, and has developed an innovative Social Emotional Learning/Executive Functioning curriculum, The POWERS Program, implemented in multiple schools. Dr. Kahane is a respected speaker and media personality, advocating for parental involvement in children's treatment.

About Mrs. Robinson: Mrs. Robinson is a licensed clinical social worker and social work educator. She is honored to have been named a Sacks Scholar working to continue the legacy of Rabbi Sacks z"l.

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Hashkama Kiddush:

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Gala Main Kiddush

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Jonathan Herlands

Ilana & Bernard Kabak

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In celebration of the milestone birthdays of our community's beloved friends Gale and Jim Kaufman and in appreciation for the thought and action they bring to bear to enhance our cherished congregation.

Charlotte & Zachary Seelenfreund and Raquel & Dahniel Sastow in commemoration of the fourth yahrzeit of their father Harley Greenbaum, Tzvi Yosef ben Michael Ze'ev z"l.

Beginners Kiddush:

Hadassah Levinson in memory of the fallen IDF soldiers and Israeli civilians, and in honor of the hostages held in Gaza.

Seudah Shlishit

Adena Samowitz in commemoration of the fifth yahrzeit, on the 19th of Cheshvan, of her dynamic mother, Helen Sommer Samowitz (Yehudis bas Yehoshua v Perel Leah) a"n.

REMINDER: END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, November 5th: Please remember to set your clocks back an hour from 2:00am to 1:00am on Saturday night/ Sunday morning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 5th: Films & Culture Committee Presents Golda's War Diaries: 7:00pm: \$20 members/\$25 non-members. In 1973, the world watched as Israel faced its most perilous moment during the Yom Kippur War. On its 50th anniversary, Israel's National Archive reveals newly declassified documents that reshape Prime Minister Golda Meir's wartime legacy. Yariv Mozer's new and exciting documentary "Golda's War Diaries" reexamines her leadership, debunking myths and revealing her steadfast resolve. Meir's determined efforts led the U.S. to provide vital military aid, saving Israel from defeat and setting the stage for victory. Despite the war's immense toll, this documentary shows that Meir's unwavering commitment paved the way for Israel's subsequent achievements, including a historic peace agreement with Egypt five years later. This fast-paced film reevaluates history and celebrates a remarkable leader. Register at www.lss.org/form/Goldaswardiaries

Monday, November 6: UJA & JCRC United for Israel: Marking 30 days: Gates open 4:00pm, program 5:30pm Join us for a powerful vigil and rally as we hear from elected officials, community leaders, and others who stand as one for Israel. Special performances by Gad Elbaz and Idan Raichel. Location: Central Park west from 83-85th-eneter from Columbus Ave at 84 * 85. Q? E: unitedforisrael@ujafedny.org

Monday, November 6th: Beginners Schmooze: 8:15pm - 9:30pm on Zoom: Register online at www.lss.org/beginners

Tuesday, November 7th: Facts and Faith: Lecture by Professor Charles Freilich: "The Day After and How We Get There.": 7:00pm: Location: the Belfer Beit Midrash. Professor Charles Freilich, a senior fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) and the Miryam Institute, served for over 20 years in Israel's national security establishment, as a senior analyst and a deputy national security adviser. After leaving government, he was a long-time senior fellow at Harvard's Belfer Center and taught political science at Harvard College. He continues to teach political science at Tel Aviv University, Columbia and NYU and is the senior editor of the Israel Journal for Foreign Affairs. Professor Freilich specializes in Israel's national security strategy and policymaking processes, US Middle East policy and US-Israeli relations.

Wednesday, November 8th: Support group: How to Help Ourselves During Times of War: Join LSS social worker, Daniella Veres, on a discussion about self-care and how we can support our mental health during difficult times of active trauma. Meeting ID: 933 5050 5545. Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93350505545>

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 huge importance of local communities and volunteers. In addition, Rav Stav will discuss the unprecedented halachik and moral dilemmas, and the new challenges Israelis face since October 7. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday, November 13th: Israel Fair: 5:00-9:00pm: On October 7th, 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. Register at www.lss.org/form/israelfair2023

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.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, November 6th

- **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 on Zoom. Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515 Passcode: 701985.
- **7:30-8:30pm: Jewish Living Workshop:** Topic: Zemirot. 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 7th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbinic Intern Ilan Kaissar: Location: LL201
- **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 Professor Charles Freilich: "The Day After and How We Get There"
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
- **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 8th

- **8:00pm: Jewish History Course with Paul Shaviv Fall 2023: Christians and the Shoah - Six Case Studies:** Topic: Extraordinary Priests - During and After War. 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 9th

- ***Canceled* 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 Gottesman.** 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

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.

Sunday, Nov 5th: Baby/Toddlers & Me: 10:00am-11:30am: Bagels and coffee for parents, fun and snacks for tots! Featuring a special Music and Movement program! Thank you Jordan & Lauren Frohlinger and Kevin Beckoff & Alana Warhit for sponsoring this event! Location: LL203

Shabbat, November 4th: Lecture by Dr. Tamar Kahane: During

Kiddush: Topic: What Do I Tell My Child? Using Tragedy To Grow

Resilience. **Moderator: Sarah Robinson.** Location: Pre-Function Room

The Upper West Side Shuls Present Shabbat Afternoon Youth Center (for kids of all ages): November 18, December 2, 16 and 23, January 13, February 10 and 24, March 2, 9 and 16. The program begins at 3:30pm and ends after musical Havdalah. Join us for gym, snacks, games and activities. Optional drop off for 5+. Cost: \$350 (1 child), \$450 (2 children), \$550 (3+ children). Location: Manhattan Day School 310 West 75th st.

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.

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

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/bRaVeib?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
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LECTURE RECORDING

Missed the lecture on Flowers, Farms, and Fortitude: The Communities of the Western Negev? You can watch the recording at www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-iYxOx3tqo

EDMOND HADAD'S ACCOUNT OF JEWISH PERSECUTION IN EGYPT

LSS Member, Edmond Hadad, challenged Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi about the treatment of Jews in Egypt. He wrote an article that provides a personal account of the oppression and discrimination experienced by Jews in Egypt, highlighting instances of violence, expulsion, and ongoing hatred. He also questions President Sisi's denial of these events and calls for acknowledgment and condemnation of such atrocities. You can read the full article at www.tinyurl.com/Pressisi.

NEXT SHABBAT

A baked goods kiddush will be set up in the lobby. During kiddush you are welcome to enjoy a mini concert by the Ramaz Choir in the Sanctuary.



By Fred Ehrman

This Dvar Torah is dedicated to the memory of Barry Youngerman z"l who passed away in 2015. Barry was a selfless and dedicated member of LSS who, among the many tasks for which he volunteered, was in charge of the weekly Echod Dvar Torah assignments. He was a source of inspiration for all who knew him and is sorely missed by us all.

Yishmael, Righteous or Rogue

Sarah, seeing that her stepson Yishmael was a menace to the spiritual health of her son Isaac, tells her husband Abraham to drive him out of the house together with his mother Hagar. God tells Abraham to listen to Sarah who then sends Hagar and Yishmael out into the desert with some bread and water. When their provisions run out, Hagar casts her son under a tree and moves away at some distance, not wanting to witness his death. God hears the boy crying, and sends an angel to tell Hagar that He hears his voice, "*ba'asher hu shom*", "*as he is there*" (21:17). These key words become the object of comments by Rashi. Quoting R' Yitzchak, (Talmud Bavli Rosh Hashana 16 B), "A person is judged only from his actions of that moment, as it is stated, "For God has heard the boy's cries, as he is there." Rashi then goes on to cite the following Midrash. At that very time the angels were prosecuting Yishmael, questioning the Lord who is about to miraculously save the boy. "His descendants will kill many of the Jewish people," they say (Breishit Rabah 53:14). "Let him die now", they counsel. God answered them by asking, "Is he a Tzaddik, a righteous person now or an evildoer?" "Tzaddik", they answer. "So that is how I will judge him, '*Ba'asher hu shom*'". A person is not judged by his future actions. So say the Talmud and the Midrash.

But is this consistent with two other incidents found in the Torah? Moses goes out from Pharaoh's palace to his brethren, and sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. Moses looks around and sees "that there was no man", and he kills the Egyptian (Exodus 2:12). Rashi comments that he saw prophetically that no future proselyte would descend from the Egyptian. The second example is the story of the *Ben Sorer U'Moreh*, the wayward and rebellious son who doesn't listen to his parents who then take him out to the elders of the city. They testify that he steals and is a glutton and a drunkard (Deuteronomy 21:19). He is executed and Rashi explains that we look into the future and see that this boy was killed because of what will happen in the coming years. He is destined to exhaust his father's money while maintaining his habit. Not finding the money he needs he will become a highwayman. The Torah says that better he dies in a relatively innocent state, rather than die as a guilty person. We see then that both these examples contradict the citations that say that a person is judged by his present state.

Let me suggest a totally different view of how Yishmael was judged. The Midrash says that he was a Tzaddik at that time. Was he really? Remember Yishmael was a mocker, *Metzachek*. Rashi defines this term telling us that the boy was committing the three cardinal sins, idolatry, sexual immorality and murder. For this Sarah insisted he be thrown out of Abraham's house. A Tzaddik? Hardly. But we learn that much later in his life Yishmael repents, he does Teshuva. More than seventy years later, at Abraham's funeral, Isaac and Yish-mael come to the Cave of Machpelah to bury him (25:9). Rashi quoting the Talmud (TB Bava Basra 16B) tells us that this is where Yish-mael did Teshuva. Abraham died in a good old age, seeing both his sons following his ways.

But what about the words "*Ba'asher hu shom*", "as he is there", which R' Yitzchok and Rashi insist is at the present time and not in the future. Why isn't "Shom", "there", the Cave of Machpelah? Sarah passes away and Abraham goes to buy a burial place for her. He negotiates with Ephron and says the following: "I have given you the money for the field, take it from me, "*V'ekbera et maiti SHOMA*", "that I may bury my dead THERE". "There", a *Remez*, a hidden meaning, pointing to the Cave of Machpelah. As Yishmael lay dying of thirst the angel tells Hagar "as he is there", "*Ba'sher hu shom*". I would suggest that even in this case, as the other two instances of the Egyptian and the rebellious son, there is consistency and they were all judged on their future states of being.

In the last 1300 years, the sons of Yishmael have for the most part tormented their cousins, the Jewish people. Certainly that is true

today. But there is a fascinating commentary in the book of Zechariah. In the End of Days ten men from different nations "will take firmhold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'" (Zechariah 8:23). The commentator Malbim (Meir Leibush ben Yehiel Michel Weiser, 1809-79) comments on this verse that the Yishmaelites will be the first of all the nations to recognize the God of Israel and his Torah. Perhaps Yishmael was saved from death in the desert, not because of his state at that time, and not even because of his repentance at the Cave of Machpelah. Rather "there", "Shom" refers to the Messianic period. And that is why on that day in the torrid desert near Beer-Sheva, God gave His merciful and favorable judgment on young Yish-mael.

Shabbat Shalom.

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