

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:
4:20pm Candle Lighting
4:25pm 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 Assistant Rabb, Yoni Zolty in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary followed by a hot kugel kiddush. Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer. Topic: Who actually sold Yosef? The Role of Ambiguities, Contradictions, and Surprises in the Yosef Narrative
4:37pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha
5:08pm Repeat Shema

Shabbat:
7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Moshe Sokolow on the third floor.
9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;
 Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer
 Drasha after Musaf by Assistant Rabbi, Yoni Zolty.
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Cholent/Kugel Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.
9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;
 Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.
9:38am Latest Shema
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan
 Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
10:00am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms.
 Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
2:35pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;
 Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
3:35pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Associate, Efraim Tepler in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
4:05pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.
Hebrew only shiur with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellows. Led by Yehonatan Kahana in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Topic: Between Chanukah and Tevet 10th
 שיעור שבועי בעברית אחר מנחה בשבת עם חברי כולל תורה מציון!
4:38pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.
5:21pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:
Sunday, January 1st @ 7:10am & 8:30am
Monday, January 2nd @ 7:10am & 8:30am
Tuesday, January 3rd, Fast of Asara B'Tevet @ 6:50am & 7:30am
Wednesday, January 4th @ 7:10am & 7:50am
Thursday, January 5th @ 7:00am & 7:50am
Friday, January 6th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:
Sunday, January 1st and Monday, January 2nd @ 4:30pm
Tuesday, January 3rd, Fast of Asara B'Tevet @ 4:15pm
Wednesday, January 4th and Thursday, January 5th @ 4:30pm

FAST OF ASARA B'TEVET

Fast begins: 6:08am
Fast ends: 5:13pm

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama
Golda, Shira, and Hannah Hudes in commemoration of the second yahrtzeit of their mother and grandmother, Sara Fizitskaya a”h.

Sandy Gross in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved grandmother, Esther bas Menachem Mendel and Mindel a”h, on the 8th of Tevet and in commemoration of the yartzeit of her beloved uncle, Reuven Ben Chaim and Esther z”l, on the 17th of Tevet.

Cholent/Kugel Kiddush
Michael and Elisheva Sinder in honor of Avi Lavi for introducing them to LSS.

Beginners Kiddush
 A kiddush/sheva brachot is being sponsored **by Bill and Dassa Greenbaum** in honor of the marriage of their daughter Ariela to Matthew Silkin.

Anonymously sponsored in honor of Hakham Buchwald’s birthday. May *HaKadosh Baruch Hu* continue to bless you and your family.

Seudah Shlishit
Alan and Miriram Axelrod in commemoration of the sixtieth Yahrtzeit of Alan's father Herman Axelrod, Yisroel ben Moshe Aharon, z"l, which was observed on the 5th of Tevet.

To sponsor a Kiddush please email info@lss.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Alan and Halana Greenberg

CHAZZAN YANKY LEMMER

The 2023 schedule for Chazzan Yanky Lemmer is now up!
 Please see www.lss.org/chazzan

THE HAKAMAS HAMATSEVAH OF MUK EISENMANN Z”L

The Hakamas HaMatsevah of Muk Eisenmann z”l, husband of Vivien Eisenmann, will take place on his first yuhrtzeit on the 4th of Shevat, Thursday, January 26th at 11:30am at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Queens, NY. A Siyum Mishnayos will follow at 101 Central Park West on return from the cemetery. Mini buses will be provided but Vivien needs a firm count by the 31st of December.

RSVP v.veico@verizon.net or 212-874-1443.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT AND THE MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

Youth Groups: 10:00am: Location: Second Floor Classrooms. Join us for davening, Torah & play.

Every Second and Fourth Shabbat: Babies & Me: 11:00am-11:30am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday January 2nd: New Year's Shiur: Approx. 9:15am:
Shiur following Shacharit by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty accompanied by a light breakfast. Topic: Choni Ha-Ma'agel and the Seventy Year Sleep: Lessons from Generational Disconnection

Shabbat, January 7th: Women's Tefillah Group Parshat Vayechi: 9:00am: Location: Pre-function room. Giving women the opportunity to learn from the Torah or lead davening.

Shabbat, January 7th: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm:
Cost is \$25 per person. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.
Registration and payment deadline: Wednesday, January 4th.

Tuesday, January 10th: 7:00pm-8:30pm: Join Jewish Climate Action Network NYC at a very special meeting to hear from New York City Comptroller Brad Lander! Lander, who serves as the city's budget watchdog and chief accountability officer, comes to the office with a strong track record of partnering with community advocates to win transformative change for a more just and equitable city. Lander views confronting the climate crisis as an essential part of his work; check out the Climate Dashboard and learn more about how the Comptroller's office is championing the cause of a just, livable future for all New Yorkers. For the Zoom link and more information see the online Echod.

Friday, January 20th: Young Professionals Oneg: 8:00pm:
A great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, share some Torah, and be inspired by the holiness of Shabbat! All while enjoying some delicious cholent and kugel.
Email assistantrabbi@lss.org to RSVP.

Motzei Shabbat, January 21st: The Future of Israel and its Defenders: 7:30pm: This unabashedly pro-Israel documentary encapsulates contemporary perspectives of critical issues affecting Israel today. It features experts, military strategists, "start-up-Nation" leaders, journalists and current and former political leaders. The film focuses on internal and external existential threats to the safety and security of the Jewish State; a behind-the-scenes look at peacemaking from the architects of the Abraham Accords.

We will be joined by Avi Benlolo, the writer and producer of the film. Avi is the founding Chairman and CEO of The Abraham Global Peace Initiative, a Canadian NGO which promotes human rights. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Please note: During 2023, we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the modern State of Israel. This documentary film represents the first, of what will be a year-long series of programs commemorating the anniversary. Much more to follow! Register at www.lss.org/form/future-of-israel.html



WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Daf Yomi: Sunday at 7:30am Monday & Thursday at 6:10am and Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and virtual: When Rabbi Meir Shapiro proposed the idea of Daf Yomi — reading a page per day of the Talmud until you had completed the entire Talmud, he was seeking community and a way to unify the Jewish people. Help us realize his vision and unify our own Lincoln Square Synagogue community by joining us in this important tradition. Learning Daf Yomi has never been easier-join us in person or via Zoom.

Schedule: Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday— virtual. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday— in person and virtual. Dial instructions: Step 1: dial in #: 646-558-8656. Step 2: dial in code 83765052291. Step 3: password # 1948

Wednesday's: conference call only. dial in instructions:
Step 1: dial in #: 267-807-9601. Step 2: code #: 3113299601.

Monday, January 2nd

- 11:00am-1:00pm: Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:**
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- 7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin:** The class is taught almost exclusively in Ivrit. This week's class will be held on Zoom. Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515
Passcode: 701985.

Tuesday, January 3rd

- 11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:**
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- 7:00pm-9:00pm: Weekly Beit Midrash Night:**
Location: Beit Midrash. Featuring Chaburas from LSS Clergy and Kollel Fellows! Dinner included. Sponsorships welcome.
 - 7:00pm:** Fundamentals of the Parsha with Rabbinical Associate, Efraim Tepler.
 - 7:00pm:** Fundamentals of Avodat Hashem through the lens of Chazal with Community Intern, Tzophia Stepansky.
 - 8:10pm:** The Kaddish Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson.
 - 8:10pm:** Ezra- Nechemia: with Kollel Fellow, Yehonatan Kahana.
 - 8:10pm:** Jewish Sages Throughout the Ages with Kollel Fellow, Yechiel Rozenberg.
- 8:00pm: 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

Wednesday, January 4th

- 11:00am: Shmuel Aleph (1 Samuel) led by Assistant Rabbi, Yoni Zolty:** Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.

Thursday, January 5th

- 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 by Rabbi Robinson.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Sunday, January 8th

- 9:15am-10:15am: Sh'eilot and Teshuvot by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty.** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

In case of a bereavement, please call our Clergy at 646-543-7485 (day or night)

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DVAR TORAH PARSHAT VAYIGASH

Dvar Torah by Shlomo Offer

It was a bleak moment. Their ultimate calamity was at hand. They were but innocent, unsophisticated shepherds caught up against the courtly intrigue of the world power. Negotiating with an opponent who would lie and cheat to reach his ends, the sons of Israel had offered everything. And then the wily opponent unscrupulously wrested their precious Benjamin from them. They were so scared and despondent that they tore their garments. Because, even though they had truth and right on their side, they saw their existential survival as dependent on acceptance in a cynical world that treated them with spin and trickery. How could they possibly proceed?

Only Judah, who epitomized Jewish leadership, knew what to do: vayigash. Approach. Approach in faith. Approach calmly and confidently, cutting through the cloud of passion and anxiety. Approach and gently request a word in the ear of the intimidating Egyptian official – for all he knew at the time, because Joseph had not yet been unmasked as his brother. Judah, with his instinctive assertiveness empowered by the emunah he absorbed growing up in Jacob's home, could approach Joseph, and the power and guile he absorbed growing politically in Pharaoh's court, to make his case for Benjamin's release. How did he approach? Factually, quietly, politely, respectfully, and patiently.

As a result, Joseph was unable to restrain himself anymore. Faced with his brother's thoughtful approach, his deception was exposed, and he broke down and cried in a loud voice! He acknowledged G-d's hand in the preceding events and brought to light the divine logic behind the senseless suffering that had led to this day. Joseph then embraced his brother Benjamin and they both cried.

Why did these two brothers cry? It initially may appear that this Shabbat's haftorah selection, with Ezekiel's description of the return to Zion and the rebuilding of Hashem's sanctuary, is unconnected to the parsha's story (except perhaps for its proximity to the upcoming Asara b'Tevet fast). Rabbi Elazar (Megillah 16b) explains why, at the height of relief and happiness in the reunion of the two sons of Rachel, they first cried. Tears of joy? No. Joseph cried over the future destruction of the two Batei Mikdash which had been built on Har Moriah in Benjamin's land, and Benjamin reciprocally cried over the Mishkan at Shiloh, destroyed in Joseph's land.

As with Joseph and Benjamin, mutual empathy for our brothers rescues us all, and opens us to our destiny. The diasporas came about because of baseless disrespect and

division among Jews. The way to redemption and rebuilding is to follow Joseph's example. It is a formula for regaining what is precious to us. Whenever we think the main fight is with our external enemies, it turns out that in a higher spiritual reality we must look to our interactions with our brothers. And despite passionate differences, we must always approach our brother Jews with the consideration of Judah's vayigash: Factually, quietly, politely, respectfully, patiently.

Shabbat Shalom!

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DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write are: Vayechi 1/07 and Va'eira 1/21 .

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, call Ricky in the LSS office, or see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email him at dvar@lss.org.

Enjoy reading the weekly Dvar Torah
-in print, in the Shelly Danishesky Foyer, or
-on lss.org under the Echod tab, or
- in the Electronic Echod from info@lss.org (available to print at home).

PARSHAT VAYIGASH WORD SEARCH

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