Schwartz Zolty

Parshat Vayishlach

Community Scholar Assistant Rabbi

Sherwood Goffin z"l Yanky Lemmer

Foundina Chazzan Cantor

16 Kislev 5783

December 10, 2022

Executive Director President

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:

4:11pm Candle Lighting

4:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

**Neirot Shabbat Shiur and Kiddush** 

Following Maariv join us for a shiur given by Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary followed by a hot kugel

kiddush in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.

4:28pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

4:59pm Repeat Shema

6:00pm Hospitality Shabbaton

**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;

Drasha after Musaf by Shalhevet Cahana.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Main Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.

9:00am Women's Tefillah Group: Location: Pre-function room

9:27am Latest Shema

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

Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow. 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan

Drasha after Musaf by Rabbi Adam Friedman.

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

**10:00am** Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms.

2:25pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

3:25pm Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Associate,

Daniel Gottesman.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

3:55pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Followed by Seudah Shlishit.

\*Hebrew only\* shiur with Lloyd Epstein Torah Mitzion Kollel Fellows. Led by Yechiel Rozenberg in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

שיעור שבועי חדש בעברית אחר מנחה בשבת עם חברי כולל תורה מציון!

4:00pm Young Professional Women's Seudah Shlishit

Location: The home of Daniella Teichman.

4:28pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.

5:11pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

**WEEKDAY MINYAN** 

Shacharit:

Sunday, November December 11th @ 8:30am

Breakfast after Minyan is sponsored by the Savenor family in memory of Joseph Savenor z"l and Samuel Mirkin z"l.

Monday, December 12th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Tuesday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 14th

@ 7:10am & 7:50am

Thursday, December 15th @ 7:00am & 7:50am

Friday, December 16th @ 7:10am & 7:50am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, December 11th—Thursday, December 15th@ 4:20pm



# THIS SHABBAT AT LSS

### WELCOME RABBANIT ESTI ROSENBERG, RABBI ADAM FRIEDMAN, AND SHALHEVET CAHANA

Rabbanit Esti Rosenberg made aliyah with her parents, HaRav Aharon zt"l and Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein, in 1971. In 1997 she founded the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women of Yeshivat Har Etzion at Migdal Oz and has served as the Rosh Beit Midrash since its establishment. She holds a BA in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew University and is a graduate of Michlalah Jerusalem in Tanach Studies. Esti lives with her husband and children in Alon Shvut, Israel.



Rabbi Adam Friedman grew up on the Upper West Side and attended Lincoln Square Synagogue as a child. He graduated from Manhattan Day School and is currently the Mashgiach Ruchani and a Rebbi in their middle school. He received his Smicha from RIETS, MS in Jewish Education from Azrieli and MA in Jewish Philosophy from Bernard Revel. He lives on the Upper West Side with his wife Rebecca and two children, Moshe and Bailey.



**Shalhevet Cahana** finds meaning and purpose in teaching and learning Torah. In the turbulence of our world, our wisdom literature is a guide from the complex to mundane. Shalhevet teaches Talmud and Halacha at Manhattan Day School and serves as Community Scholar at Beth Jacob Congregation in Oakland, California. To date, she has taught Torah in over 55 synagogues and campuses across the United States. Shalhevet previously studied in Maimonides School, Migdal Oz, Stern College for Women and their



advanced Gemara program called the Graduate Program for Advanced Talmudic Studies (GPATS). Shalhevet lives with her husband Dvir Cahana in Washington Heights.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush:

The Balsam Family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Martin's mother, Mollie Balsam a"h, Esther Malya bat Ahron, on the 19th of Kislev.

Main Kiddush:

Carol Hornung, Barbara Epstein, and Libby Peppersberg in memory of their dear friends: Ruth Englander, Eleanor Jakubovitz, Pearl Glassberg, Rhoda Turkel, Nina Moinester, Dr. Sandy Kahn, Reni Hanau, Grace Shevel, and Anna

**Beginners Kiddush:** 

**Ari Rosenberg** in memory of Jack Weinstein, Yaakov ben Zev - HaCohen z"l.

Seudah Shlishit

Talia Kaplan-Rubin and Benjamin Rubin in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Talia's father, David Abba Kaplan z"l.

Joseph Verschleisser in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, Sora Rozah bas Moshe Lieb a"h.

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

### **MAZAL TOV**

Grandparents Shelley and Ruvan Cohen on the birth of a girl to their children Jackie Cohen and Oren Charnoff of Tel Aviv. Mazal Tov to big sister Tal, Uncle Jonathan and Aunt Naomi, and cousins Natey and Mia.



### **HAKARAT HATOV**

A message from Janine and David Sherr: We would like to warmly thank the LSS community for taking part in Menachem's Bar Mitzvah last weekend. Your enthusiastic participation made our Bar Mitzvah a real simcha! Thank you also to Ricky, Hailey, Devora, and Tamar from the LSS office who are always so helpful and kind. A special thank you to our dear friend **Dorothea** Krieger who moved to Israel but has always been devoted to Menachem and very supportive of our family.

To all those participating in the Hospitality Shabbaton-thank you! We hope you enjoy the experience and look forward to hearing your feedback. A special thank you to the hosts that are opening their homes and welcoming members and to Joe Blank, Adina Dolfman, and Mindy Schwartz Zolty for coordinating this special event. Shabbat shalom!

### CHANUKAH at LSS

Shabbat, December 17th: Special Beginners Chanukah luncheon:

**12:00pm:** Price: \$25 per person.

Register online at www.lss.org/beginners

Registration deadline: Wednesday, December 14th, 5:00pm.

Monday, December 19th: 5:00pm-6:30pm: Dispel the Darkness: (offsite) Location: Times Square - enter at Broadway and 47th Street, New York City. This Hanukkah, UJA is joining Shine A Light. We'll publicly display our Jewish identity as we light the menorah together and raise awareness about antisemitism.

See www.shinealighton.com/event/nyc/ for more information.

Monday, December 19th: Chanukah on Ice NYC: 6:00pm-9:00pm: (offsite): Location: Wollman Rink in Central Park. Join Chabad Family Programs for an evening of ice skating and Chanukah fun! There will be Jewish music, Kosher food, and the lighting of a hand-carved six foot tall Ice Menorah. Online: \$28 including skates, under 3 is free. At the door: \$35 including skates, under 3 is free.

Register at: www.chanukahonicenyc.com. Organizational code: LSSCO122. Enter it online at checkout to get a 5% discount!

Monday, December 19th: 8:00pm: LSS Clergy on Chanukah: Short thoughts to inspire your davening during Chanukah. Meeting ID: 835 7415 7309 Passcode: 931717

Tuesday, December 20th:Bringing Light into The Darkness: 5:30pm-7:00pm EDT on Zoom: In partnership with the Marlene Meyerson JCC of Manhattan, The Jewish Board presents a Chanukah bereavement program. Come together with others who are grieving the loss of a loved one as Rabbis Miriam Herscher, BCC, LMSW and Adam Huttel, LMSW teach us about the healing potential of Chanukah. Bring your Chanukah menorah, draw support and comfort from one another and our shared tradition, and explore ways to find meaning and connection through themes of Chanukah.

Tuesday, December 20th: 12:00pm: Senior Shmooze: Please join us for a Senior Social discussion group with social worker Daniella Veres and some Chanukah tunes sung by our very own Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

Tuesday, December 20th, 7:00pm-9:30pm: Yonina Concert: (offsite) Location: Park East Synagogue, 163 E 67th Street, New York, NY 10021. Price: \$18. UJA-Federation, in partnership with Lincoln Square Synagogue, will be hosting an in-person, Chanukah concert with Yonina at Park East Synagogue! Yonina is an Israeli-American couple who started sharing music through weekly home videos on social media. Their music has now reached millions of viewers around the world. Check out their Chanukah video using the link in the electronic Echod. Register at: www.ujafedny.org/event/view/yonina-hanukkah-concert

Tuesday, December 20th: 7:00pm: Chanukah Themed Beit Midrash Night: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Wednesday, December 21st: Beginners Chanukah Bash: 7:00 pm: Live music by Psachya Septimus. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Wednesday, December 21st: Group Learning: 8:00pm:

Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty will be leading a discussion on R'Haym Soloveitchik's Rupture and Reconstruction: The Transformation of Contemporary Orthodoxy (reading the article in advance is optional). There will be Latkes! This group will meet every 4-6 weeks and discuss topics relevant to our personal and professional lives. Location: Home of Ariella Kristal and Sam Clinton-Davis. Please RSVP to Yoni at assistantrabbi@lss.org to get the exact address.

Thursday, December 22nd: Outdoor Candle Lighting and Tisch: 8:00pm: We will have latkes, cholent, whiskey, songs, and divrei Torah.

Friday, December 23rd: Chanukah Neirot Shabbat: Featuring Kol Haneshama and Chinese Food Hot Kiddush.

\*See the youth section for upcoming Chanukah themed youth events.

### YOUTH DEPARTMENT AND THE MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

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

Following morning prayer services, please join the Youth Department for a Kidstastic Kiddush and Story Time with Rabbi Robinson. Location: Ballroom.

Friday, December 16th: Teen Friday Night Oneg at LSS:8:00pm: Location: Pre-Function Room

Motzei Shabbat, December 17th: Parent Child Learning: 6:30pm: Sponsorship opportunities available starting at \$250.

Email youth@lss.org if you are interested in sponsoring.

Sunday, December 18th-Sunday, December 25th: Daily Teen Chanukah Trivia on Instagram for Prizes: 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 21st: Chanukah Magic Show: 5:00pm (Doors open at 4:30pm). Location: Ballroom. See registration link in online Echod.

Shabbat, December 24th: Special Youth Groups: 10:00am: Create special candy Chanukah treats!

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

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

If you would like to receive the Shabbat

Echod by e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org

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### **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, December 12th

- 12:00pm-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 virtual; use this link to join.

Meeting ID: 835 3789 4515 Passcode:701985

### **Tuesday, December 13th**

- 11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:
  - Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
- 6:30pm-8:00pm: Introduction to Bible, on Zoom with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: Register now! This 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. Registrants will receive the Zoom link prior to the start of the course. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. This course is FREE and open to all! Sponsors welcome. Please contact Jessica at jessica@njop.org or call 646-871-0012.
  - 1.7:00pm-9:00pm: Weekly Beit Midrash Night:

Location Beit Midrash. Featuring Chaburas from LSS Clergy and Kollel Fellows! Dinner Included. Sponsorships welcome.

- 2.7:00pm: Highlights from the Daf with Rabbi Yoni Zolty
- 3.**7:00pm:** Fundamentals of the Parsha with Rabbinical Associate Efraim Tepler.
- 4. **7:00pm** Fundamentals of Avodat Hashem through the lens of Chazal with Community Intern, Tzophia Stepansky.
- 5. 8:10pm The Kaddish Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson.
- 6. 8:10pm Ezra- Nechemia with Kollel Fellow Yehonatan Kahana.
- 7. **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, December 14th

- 11:00am: Shmuel Aleph (1 Samuel) led by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty: Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.
- 8:00pm: LSS Jewish History Course: Unusual perspectives on the German - Jewish experience; from the beginning to the present day by Paul Shaviv. Topic: Postwar Germans—Some Moral Reckoning... Meeting ID: 890 3334 1371 Passcode: 720865

The Fall Jewish History Course is sponsored by **Karen** and **Roy Simon**.

#### Thursday, December 15th

- 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, December 18th
- 9:15am-10:15am: Sh'eilot and Teshuvot by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

### PLAZA JEWISH COMMUNITY CHAPEL

A new "Exit Strategy" podcast episode is up! Are you putting off trust and estate planning because the task seems enormous and big decisions must be made? Many of us do, but it's essential to protect and direct our assets according to our wishes. Jonathan Herlands, Esq. — who heads the Trust and Estates division at Gordon, Herlands & Randolph LLP in NYC — speaks with Exit Strategy Host Stephanie Garry about how to start the process. To listen, see the link in the Electronic Echod.

#### **WEST SIDE MIKVAH**

The Keilim Mikvah is now operational again. They are in the process of investigating security systems to increase the hours of availability, but for now the Mikvah will be open Sunday through Friday 9:00 am - 12:00pm. The Men's Mikvah is also open every Friday 9:00am - 1:30pm. If you have any questions or comments, please call or email the Mikvah directly.

### YAHRTZEIT BOARD LIGHTBOX

Attached is a picture illustrating the addition of stained glass light boxes to the yahrtzeit board design on the second floor. If you are interested in sponsoring this beautification project please email <a href="mailto:tamar@lss.org">tamar@lss.org</a>





### DVAR TORAH PARSHAT VAYISHLACH

By: Mark Hus

This week's parsha contains one of the most troubling episodes in the Torah — the story of Dena and the people of Shechem. As the parsha begins, Jacob had just closed a chapter of his life successfully. Decades before, he had been forced to flee from his father's home to escape the anger and vengeance of his brother. He'd made his way to his mother's hometown, settled in with his

He'd made his way to his mother's hometown, settled in with his uncle, got married (twice), became wealthy, had children (11) and was ultimately able to return to his own country, stand face-to-face with the brother that he had feared for all of those years

to-face with the brother that he had feared for all of those years — and walk away unscathed. The Torah states that after he parted amicably from Esau, he made his way to Shechem, where he arrived "whole" (Ch. 33, v. 18). When he reached the outskirts

he arrived "whole" (Ch. 33, v. 18). When he reached the outskirts of the town, he purchased a plot of land and settled down. Based upon the way that Chamor and Shechem will later speak to their people about Jacob and his family, they were on very good terms with their neighbors (Ch. 34, v. 21).

Then, suddenly everything goes terribly wrong. Dena is violated

by the favorite son of the ruler of the city. Jacob's reactions to

Dena's having been violated is astonishing. He waits for his sons

to come home from the field where they were tending the family's flocks. What was he waiting for? Did he expect to get guidance from them as to how to react to Shechem's nefarious deed? Couldn't he figure out on his own that he should be outraged? Shouldn't he have demanded that his daughter be returned to him immediately?

And yet we see that when it came time to react to Chamor, it is

Torah makes clear that Jacob's sons spoke deceptively with the people whose prince had violated Dena. It is also clear that the people of Shechem did not seem to feel that there was anything wrong with what "Prince" Shechem had done. On the one hand, they were willing to accept Jacob and his sons into their community and to undergo excruciating pain as part of that arrangement. On the other hand, they did not seem to

acknowledge that Shechem's violation of Dena merited any

disapprobation.

Jacob's sons who do the talking (and thereafter take action). The

Shimon and Levi wait until the townspeople are at their weakest and murder all the men of the city and bring Dena back to their father. Once Shimon and Levi made sure that there would be nobody left to protect the town, the other sons of Jacob looted and plundered it. Once again, Jacob's reaction is difficult to comprehend. He is only concerned about how others will react to

what they have done and fears that he and his family may face annihilation at the hands of the other peoples of Canaan. His sons

to be treated as a harlot. He does not respond.

ask him, pointedly, whether they should have allowed their sister

I realize, of course, that looking at the story through 21 st century eyes certainly makes it more difficult to accept. The willingness to condone Shechem's behavior, the failure to respond appropriately to the violation of a woman and the murders and plundering committed by Jacobs sons are all hard to

swallow. Chamor and Shechem and their people are ready to move on as if nothing has happened. Jacob is speechless and helpless and takes no part, whatsoever, in any response to the violation of his daughter. Jacob's sons are disingenuous and almost cowardly in their excessive reaction and destruction.

At this horrific moment, it is G-d who reaches out to Jacob and gives him guidance. He tells him to return to Beit El to live there. He directs him to build an altar to the G-d who had appeared to him when he was fleeing from his brother — and had given him the spiritual strength which he had needed for his years in exile and for his return to face Esau. It appears that he had run out of that commodity. He was floundering.

Upon hearing G-d's words, Jacob suddenly realizes what has been going wrong with him and his family. He, and they, have lost their way. They had tried too hard to become a part of the society in which they were living — the same society that had condoned Shechem's behavior. After his moment of epiphany, Jacob directs his family to dispose of the false deities and idols that they had in their possession. He commands them to cleanse themselves and change their clothing. They spontaneously remove the nose rings that they had been wearing and give them to Jacob. Jacob ceremoniously buries all of the accessories and trappings of the life that they had been living and returns with them to Beit El, where he had first encountered G-d. Soon thereafter, G-d appears to him again and assures him that his offspring will inherit the land that was promised to his father and grandfather. Jacob and his family return to the ways of the Lord (in Beit El -- the House of the Lord) and Jacob is able to enjoy a

May we all have the spiritual strength and good health to enjoy our lives and our community for many years to come.

Shabbat Shalom!

brief period of respite before his travails begin again.

This Dvar Torah is dedicated to the memory of Miriam Holmes, who died earlier this week. Miriam was a kind, caring and giving woman; smart, quick-witted, courageous and brave, she was a wonderful mother to her children, an extraordinary wife to her husband and an amazingly devoted and generous friend. She will be sorely missed by her family, her friends and her community.

May her memory be for a blessing.

## DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write are: 12/17 Vayeishev, 12/31 Vayigash, 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.

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