

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

We take the safety and health of our members very seriously and will do whatever we can to prevent further spread of Covid-19. As a reminder to all, even if COVID is not the concern at hand, if children are at all symptomatic (cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, GI symptoms, etc.), it is important that they stay home.

Please note: in an effort to better accommodate parents attending the 9:30am Terrace minyan, Youth Groups will now be starting at 9:45am.

Shabbat Youth Groups: 9:45am (Location: 2nd floor classrooms)

Youth Groups are back in full swing with davening, Torah, snacks & play. Youth Directors: Romy and Avraham Sanger
Assistant Youth Director: Alexander Wildes

Saturday, October 30th: Teen Tie Dye Night: 7:00pm: Join us on the Terrace for a fun "Tie Dye by Rory" event! Now open to all UWS teens. We will kick off the evening with a tie dye Tutorial followed by tie dying long sleeve t-shirts or drawstring bags and cap off the evening with pizza!!

Members: Free, Non-Members: \$20 cash at door.

See online Echod for link to register.

Thank you to our sponsors: Frances Zelazny & Allen Ganz, Lori & Stu Kolinsky, Shira & Avi Spira, and Joy & Morey Wildes. In order to cover the cost of the event we are looking for additional sponsors in the amount of \$100, \$180 and \$250. Email youth@lss.org to be a sponsor.

Shabbat, November 6th: Glow in the Dark Musical Havdalah with Chazzan Yanky Lemmer: Following Ma'ariv.

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

Important lesson from the note of Shalshelles

"And he (Eliezer) said, Hashem, G-d of my master Avraham, grant me good fortune this day, and deal graciously with my master Avraham" 24:12.

On the word וַיֹּאמֶר 'And he said', Eliezer, asks Hashem for help in finding a wife for Yitzchok there is a Shalshelles. This note is rare (Only found four times in the Torah) and indicates that the word should be read in an elongated manner. What is the deeper significance of this rare symbol, and what is the common thread linking the four episodes in which it appears?

The word Shalshelles means "chain". Moshe Harris quoting Rav David Singer notes that this symbol connotes that the event is being viewed not only for its immediate impact, but also for the impact it will have on future generations. When Eliezer was davening to Hashem, he wasn't only focused on finding a suitable wife for Yitzchok, he was also asking Hashem to arrange the success of the Shalshelles of Yitzchok's progeny.

This concept can be used to explain the other three occurrences of the Shalshelles in the Torah.

In last week's parsha, the Torah tells us (19:16) Lot hesitated when the angels pressed him to leave Sodom to save himself and his family from its imminent destruction, so the angels grabbed the hands of Lot, his wife, and his daughters and escorted them out of the city to safety. There is a Shalshelles on the word וַיִּתְּמָה the tarried, which alludes to the reason the angels were so insistent on rescuing Lot and his family: the chain of offspring who were destined to be descended from him, which includes Rus, Dovid, Shlomo, and ultimately Moshiach were in jeopardy.

The third Shalshelles in the Torah appears in Parshas Vayeishev, where the Torah records (39:8) – וַיֹּסֶף "Yosef" refused the temptation to sin with Potiphers wife. The Gemara in Sotah (36b) teaches that the visage of his father Yaakov appeared to him and informed him that if he gave in his name would be excluded from the list of tribes on the Kohen Gadol's ephod. When Yosef understood the future ramifications of his actions, he withstood the temptation to sin.

The final Shalshelles appears in Parshas Tzav, where the Torah discusses the process of consecrating Aharon and his sons as Kohanim, priests. When Moshe reached the ram that served to inaugurate Aharon as a Kohen (Vayikra 8:23), there is a Shalshelles on the word וַיִּשְׁחַט the slaughtered – for Moshe's actions affected not only Aharon, but the entire chain of future generations who would also be Kohanim as a result of this process.

In situations when we find ourselves in doubt, hesitating about the right thing to do, let's remember the lesson of the Shalshelles and recognize that the decisions we make often have long-term impact on the future.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- ***New Class starting Nov. 7th* Sh'eilot and Tshuvot:** 9:15am-10:15am. Come and learn some classic and contemporary responsa Sunday mornings after Shacharit. In person and via Zoom. In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Meeting ID: 838 3061 9860 Passcode: 354153. Must be fully vaccinated to participate in breakfast portion. Sponsors are welcome.

Monday:

- ***New Class starting Nov. 1st* A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** 10:00am-11:00am. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Repeated on Zoom Tuesday at 8:00pm.
- **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein Chadashot (News from Israel):** 7:00pm-8:15pm. Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/uwsshaliach/chug-ivrit-chadashot>
- **Beginners: The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum:** 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom. The Jewish Living Workshop, register at www.lss.org/beginners. Topic: Zemirot Workshop Meeting ID: 0679 6915 Passcode: 593143.
- ***Save the date!* Beginners: Monday, November 8th: New sessions of the Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I with Sharona Spivack:** 6:00pm. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson:** 10:30am-11:30am Meeting ID: 241022510. Dial In: 646 876 9923. Location: The Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer:** 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 850 0937 1460 Password: 560900
- **A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 858 4080 4793 Passcode: 931015
- **Beginners: Rabbi Buchwald's Introduction to Bible:** 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. This course will review basic literary and theological approaches to Bible study, traditional and modern, through the analysis of the Biblical text. Registrants receive the Zoom link and class materials prior to the class. Register at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Wednesday:

- ***New Class starting Nov. 3rd* Personalities in Rabbanic Literature led by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty:** 12:00pm-1:00pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Class will end December 1st.
- **Chug Ivrit - Safa Ivrit (Hebrew Language) led by Harel Fenigstein:** 7:00pm-8:15pm. Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/uwsshaliach/chug-ivrit-safa>
- **Food, Jews, History with Paul Shaviv:** 8:00pm Different and fascinating interactions between Jews, food and history! Discovery, trade, use, halakhah... Meeting ID: 836 3083 6501 Password: 648083

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- **Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 6:45pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888 In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash

NEW OFFICE STAFF MEMBER: RENEE BERKOWITZ, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Renee Berkowitz graduated from Binghamton University in 2019 with a B.A. in Psychology and Anthropology. During her time at Binghamton she was heavily involved in the campus Hillel, becoming President of their chapter's Challah for Hunger. After graduating, Renee moved to Ontario, Canada and continued her involvement working at Western Hillel. In April of 2021 she moved to NYC. She looks forward to getting to know members and to bringing her skills to Lincoln Square Synagogue. When not working, Renee can be found visiting local dog parks, doing crossword or sudoku puzzles, and exploring the city. As of next week, you can give a warm welcome to Renee by emailing her at renee@lss.org or calling (212) 874-6100.

DVAR TORAH

Chaye Sarah
By Rachelle Cohen

This week's Torah portion, Chaye Sarah, can be read as a eulogy for Sarah. Although the words "chaye Sarah" mean "the life of Sarah," this portion opens with her death. According to rabbinic tradition, she fainted and died when she learned that her husband Abraham had bound and almost slain their son Isaac as a sacrifice when God tested Abraham. This test is related in the preceding portion, Vayera, in the famed passage known as the *Akedah*, or *The Binding of Isaac*.

Chaye Sarah tells us that Abraham eulogized Sarah, wept for her, and purchased from the Hittite, Ephron, the Cave of Machpelah to serve as the family burial place. We are not told what Abraham said in his eulogy, but the Torah portion itself can be read as eulogizing her for her kindness.

Sarah's attribute of kindness can be gleaned from the Torah's description of the search for a wife for Isaac. Abraham, now aged, enjoins his trusted Canaanite steward, Eliezer, to find Isaac a wife from Abraham's family in Haran. Abraham does not tell Eliezer what traits the wife should have. But, when Eliezer reaches Haran, he knows he wants to find a wife who is, above all, kind. From this, it can be inferred that the perceptive steward had observed this trait in Sarah and knew how much it was cherished by Abraham, who, according to rabbinic tradition, was the model of kindness.

Chaye Sarah elaborately recites how Eliezer went to the community well in Haran, hoping to find a daughter of the city who will not only offer water to him but also offer it to his thirsty camels. And he finds such a girl in Rebecca, who is also of Abraham's family. With the approval of her family, she consents to go with Eliezer to marry Isaac.

The Torah portion then tells one of the Bible's great love stories in a way that connects Rebecca and Sarah. As Eliezer and his caravan near home, Rebecca sees a man meditating in the fields near evening. In the rabbinic tradition, he is praying the afternoon prayer. He looks up and sees the caravan approaching. She asks Eliezer who is that man walking to meet them. He replies that it is Isaac, his master. She covers herself with a veil. Eliezer greets Isaac and tells how he found Rebecca. Then the Torah portion relates, "And Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he took her, and she became his wife, and he loved her, and he was comforted for his mother."

Thus, the infinitely kind Rebecca becomes for Isaac a substitute for the infinitely kind Sarah, who had no part in the Binding of Isaac. But the kindness of Sarah and Rebecca did not prevent them from being clear-eyed. Thus, in the preceding Torah portion, Sarah recognized that Ishmael had become immoral and needed to be removed, along with his mother, from the household. This seemed very wrong for Abraham, but God told him to listen to his wife. In the next Torah portion, Toldot, Rebecca undergoes the even more difficult travail of recognizing that Esau, the older of her twin sons, was unfit to inherit Isaac's spiritual mantle. She undertakes, with God's approval, the difficult task of causing her husband to bestow this mantle on the younger twin, Jacob.

Chaye Sarah ends with the death of Abraham. He is dutifully buried by his sons, Isaac and Ishmael, in the Cave of Machpelah, and God blesses Isaac. The theme of the succession of a younger son from an aged father connects this Torah portion with the haftarah. It tells of the aged King David, whose older, handsome, charismatic son, Adoniyah is plotting to seize the throne when David dies, even though David has designated his younger son, Solomon, to succeed him. When Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, learns of this, she manages to gain entry to the presence of the sick king and tell him about it. David sits up and resolutely reaffirms that Solomon will be king.

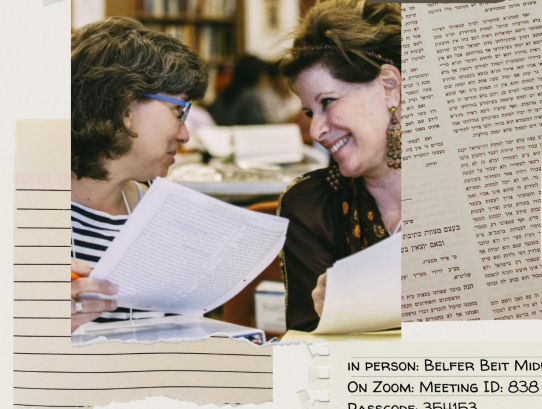
DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Toldot 11/6, Miketz 12/4, Vayechi 12/18 & Vaera 1/1/22
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

Sh'eilot and Tshuvot:

Join Rabbi Yoni Zolty in learning both classic and contemporary responsa

Sunday's beginning
on 11/07/21 @ 9:15am
following Shacharit



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In person office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays!

LSS PHOTO DIRECTORY

After a year online, it's good to begin seeing each other again in person. As we look towards more connected days ahead we also look for ways to help encourage the reconnection among members. Adding your photo to your member account is a great way to get to know other Shul members, and let them get to know you (especially if you're "supposed to know them at this point" shhhh - we won't tell). Be sure to send in your individual, couple, or family photo to Jay Ziffer at Jayz@lss.org. *Photos can only be seen by members.

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Monday

**Rabbi Robinson -
A Gemara Class
Bava Kama: Laws
of Personal
Injury**

10:00 am-11:00 am

Beginning November 1
and then ongoing

Tuesday

**Rabbi Robinson -
Parshat
HaShavuah shiur**

10:30am- 11:30am

Wednesday

**Rabbanit Mindy -
Personalities in
Rabbanic
Literature**

12:00pm-1:00pm

Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17,
Nov 24, and Dec 1



**Rabbi Robinson -
A Gemara Class
Bava Kama: Laws
of Personal
Injury via Zoom**

Monday's daytime class
repeated on Tuesdays
at 8:00pm via zoom
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