

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

In order to continue to keep each other safe and healthy, LSS asks that, on Shabbat morning, everyone wear a face mask, covering the wearer's mouth and nose, in all areas indoors at all times (mask-wearing is optional at outdoor services and at Friday night, Shabbat afternoon and weekday indoor services). In addition, we request that attendees be sensitive to the comfort and safety concerns of others at shul by respecting any social distancing desires of others. We thank you in advance!

Friday night:

5:30pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

5:35pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat;

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

5:47pm Sunset: daven Mincha

6:18pm Repeat Shema

Shabbat:

7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Followed by Hashkama Kiddush. Shiur to follow by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow.

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Drasha by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Musaf.

Followed by Main Kiddush on the Spira Family Terrace. Shiur by Rabbinic Intern Efraim Tepler during Kiddush. Topic: Making Sense of Midrash.

9:00am Women's Tefillah Group: Parshat Toldot; Location: 3rd floor gym

9:30am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan;

Location: The Spira Family Terrace

9:30am Beginners Service; Location: Pre-function room. Beginners Kiddush to follow.

9:45am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms

10:04am Latest Shema

10:57am Latest Shacharit

12:30pm Welcome to those joining the Beginners Luncheon;

Location: Ballroom

3:35pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

4:20pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty;

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara.

5:20pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Followed by Seudah Shlishit; Location: The Spira Family Terrace.

Dvar Torah by Rabbinic Intern Efraim Tepler.

5:46pm Sunset: daven Mincha

6:30pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

6:40pm Zoom Havdalah (link in electronic Echod).

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:

Sunday, November 7 @ 8:30am

Monday, November 8—Friday, November 12 @ 7:30am

Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, November 7—Tuesday, November 9 @ 4:35pm

Wednesday, November 10 & Thursday, November 11 @ 4:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 7th: Mezuzah and Tefillin checking with sofer Rabbi

Yaakov Hoffman: 10:00am to 12:00pm. Location: Shele Danishevsky Covlin Foyer. Pricing: Mezuzahs: \$10 for a scroll in a case. \$7 for a scroll without a case. Tefillin: \$100, cannot be done on site.

Save the date! Monday, November 8th: Beginners Schmooze:

8:15pm-9:30pm: Join Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald over Zoom at no charge.

Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

Sunday, November 14th: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Kislev

Shiur: 8:00pm. Topic: Of Mothers, Sons, and Nursemaids: The Role of Devorah in the Dynamics of a Patriarchal Family with Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty. Men and women welcome.

Meeting ID: 872 8554 7146 Passcode: 821801

Shabbat, November 20th: Shabbos Speaker Batya Jaffe on United Hatzalah

Animal-Assisted Crisis Response in Surfside Miami: Following Shacharit in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Originally from Mexico, Batya Jaffe is an animal-assisted therapist who works with her therapy dog Lucy. Up until moving to New York, Batya was the head of the K-9 team of the Psychotrauma team in United Hatzalah in Israel. Among her various interventions, Batya and Lucy participated in the United Hatzalah team sent to Miami Surfside this past summer after the collision of the building.

Monday, November 29th: Shulie Mishkin: My Glorious Brothers: 1:00pm.

Via Zoom. How did the Hasmoneans change Jerusalem and Judaism?

A "live from Israel" virtual tour about why the Chanukah story is so significant to Jewish and world history, where the events took place, and what happened with the Hasmonean kingdom. Shulie Mishkin, Jewish historian and tour guide whose tours provide a complete picture of the land of Israel and Jewish heritage, with a strong reliance on sources ranging from the Bible to 19th century travelers' reports. Cost: \$10. Register at www.lss.org/event/My-Glorious-Brothers

*If, due to a disability, you need an accommodation made or you need help registering for an event, please call (212)-874-6100.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

All indoor kiddushim are for vaccinated individuals only.

Hashkama Kiddush: Generous contributions to the fund.

Main Kiddush: **Barbara Epstein and Carol Hornung** in memory of their friends Ruth Englander a"h, Eleanor Jakubovitz a"h, Pearl Glassberg a"h, Rhoda Turkel a"h, Nina Moinester a"h, and Lila Lowell (Israel) a"h. May each one be a Mailitz Yosher for our community and Klal Yisroel.

Beginners Kiddush: **Bryant Macaraeg** in honor of Rabbi Buchwald for his continuing support for the Beginners program.

Beginners Luncheon: **Deena-Kristi Hays** in honor of Ira Weinstock's 74th birthday. May he be forever young.

Seudah Shlishit: **Miriam and Alan Axelrod** in memory of Miriam's father Hy Wolinetz, Yaakov Chaim ben Baruch, z"l, whose yahrtzeit will be observed on the 5th of Kislev.

Jerry Blitzer in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Minnie Blitzer, Mechesh bas Chaim, a"h.

Would you like to sponsor a kiddush for future weeks? Email info@lss.org.

MAZAL TOV

Keren Yarhi-Milo and Ariel Milo in celebration of Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov also to Daniel and the extended Milo and Yarhi families.

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United States Air Force:

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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.

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

Age 2-5: Room 206/207

Your child has free play, circle time Tefillah, story time and a Parsha Activity. We will end groups with a snack.

Age 6-10: Room 208/210

Your child has free play, Davening, Parsha Discussion, Parsha trivia for raffle tickets and snacks.

Age 11+: Room 211

For our oldest youth group, we have free play, Tefillah led by a group leader. Davening is followed by Parsha Discussion, tickets for raffle tickets, games and a Parsha activity.

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

Shabbat, November 20th: Community Wide Shabbos Afternoon Youth

Center at Manhattan Day School: Supervised play for children 5-12.

Cost: \$375 per family for the 10 week program. Sponsorships welcome.

See online Echod to register.

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

One day, Yaakov was making a stew when his brother Esav came in from a long day of being in the field and asked for some of the food Yaakov was making. Yaakov immediately responds that he will give him the soup if he trades for his birthright, to which Esav agrees instantaneously.

Why would someone sell his birthright, which was worth an incalculable amount both spiritually and monetarily, for a bowl of stew? Esav gladly did so and then justified it because he was one day going to pass away.

Sadly, this is a similar explanation we use ourselves when we want to do something deep down we know is wrong. The problem with all of this is there is a tomorrow and it's precisely how you live today that will determine this tomorrow. Pointing out someone you know who never got sick and lived to 129 years old on a diet of whiskey, steak, and cigars doesn't give you the freedom to live recklessly and without limits. In fact, it's actually these stories that give you true free will to choose a correct and healthy path.

Esav cared only about what he wanted now. There was no thinking about tomorrow. This kind of thinking can lead someone to do anything he feels like doing and then proudly and confidently justify his behavior.

You can only truly feel great when you sacrifice short-term pleasure by investing in your future and doing what's right. God set up a system that demands that we grow. And this can only happen through fighting temptations and doing what's right. Then the lasting joy you'll own forever will be a much higher level than the temporary pleasure you passed up. And the more you're able to do this, the happier you'll be. Today and tomorrow.

QUESTIONS

1. To whom did Yaakov sell his birthright?
2. What did Yaakov trade for the birthright?
3. Who did Yaakov pretend to be when speaking to Yitzchak?
4. How did Yitzchak respond when Yaakov went before him?

1. Esav
2. Lentil soup
3. Esav
4. He asked to feel him and said, your voice sounds like Yaakov but the hands feel like Esav

ANSWERS

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:

- **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: Chanukah 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:

- **Personalities in Rabbanic Literature led by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty:** 12:00pm-1:00pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Class will end December 1st. Topic: R'Elazar ben Arach: Cling to a Good Heart
- **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

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

Parsaht Toldot
November 5-6
By: Maurice Spanbock & Jerry Greenberg

Recent excavations at the ancient biblical site of Gerar have unearthed portions of a transcript pertaining to a civil court case from over 3,800 years ago. The following are fragments from this remarkable find.

The Basic Charges:

The Plaintiff, Esau Isaacson, hereby alleges that the Defendant, Jacob Isaacson, who is his younger twin brother, wrongfully defrauded him of both his birthright and his paternal blessing.

Deposition of the Plaintiff:

Defense Counsel: Did you not willingly reject your birthright, saying what good would it do since you were about to die of hunger?

Esau: I was half-mad with hunger and not thinking clearly. Jacob knew this and deliberately made me swear to give it up. I'm just a simple hunter. He's the intellectual genius. Clearly I was coerced and shouldn't be held accountable. It was just a mess of pottage, after all.

Cross-examination of the Defense:

Plaintiff Counsel: Jacob, isn't it true that in response to two separate inquiries from your father, you averred that you were in fact Esau and tricked him into giving you the blessing that rightfully was meant for your elder brother?

Jacob: I was against that idea from the start.

Counsel: Well, which is it, Mr. Isaacson, were you lying then, or are you lying now?

Jacob: Look, this was all my mother's idea. I tried to talk her out of it. In the end I only acted at her behest. I am by nature a sensitive, cautious man. It's my brother who's the reckless one.

Counsel: So you claim. Yet, isn't it interesting that your very name Jacob – "He grasps the heel" – has the connotation of someone who is deliberately deceptive.

Direct Defense Testimony from the Boys' Mother:

Defense Counsel: Did you have a difficult pregnancy with the twins?

Rivka: It became almost unendurable. I had been barren for so long and initially was so grateful to be with child, but the two of them were constantly struggling inside me.

Counsel: Will you please tell the court in your own words what happened when you sought Divine guidance?

Rivka: I received the word of HaShem, who told me that my babies would grow up to become two nations, and that the elder would serve the younger.

Counsel: And isn't that why you commanded your son Jacob to impersonate his brother?

Rivka: Yes, you see, my husband was about to bless Esau, which was clearly against the will of HaShem. I did the only thing I could think of to stop that from happening.

Summation of the Plaintiff Counsel:

There is a rule of law that says "Res ipsa loquitur" – "the thing speaks for itself." In other words, the case for fraud is abundantly clear. The Defendant admits it, and the facts prove it. Your Honor, you must in all fairness find for the Plaintiff and restore his birthright and his blessing.

Judgment of the Court:

While the Res ipsa loquitur argument is compelling, there is another tenet of law that states "In haec verba" – "In these words." In the case before us, we adjudicate that "these words" are not merely part of an historical record but bear a semblance of the Divine; ergo they have a higher standing. It is the opinion of this Court that neither Rivka's nor Jacob's actions constituted any malice. The mother merely wished to serve HaShem's larger purpose, which had been explicitly stated. The son obeyed his mother's instructions, which he is duty-bound to do. Accordingly, the Court rules in favor of the Defense.

Motion to Appeal:

There are times when people do things that technically are legal but still may be considered to be wrong. We submit that it is morally inexcusable for a wife to inveigle her son to perpetrate a hoax on his infirm, unsuspecting father. The Plaintiff, Esau, has been victimized, albeit under the guise of good intentions. Inexorably, his future is now hopeless and faithless. No one can know HaShem's mind, but surely His will could have been fulfilled in a less conniving, less harmful way. We respectfully appeal the ruling.

Shabbat Shalom!

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HOSPITALITY

Did you know? Hospitality is not just for visitors to the neighborhood but also for members of LSS. If you are a member and would like to be hosted for a Shabbat meal or would like to offer hospitality to other members, please email us at hospitality@lss.org.

DVAR TORAH

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

DID YOU KNOW?

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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WITH CHAZZAN YANKY LEMMER

MOTZEI SHABBAT, NOVEMBER 6
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MA'ARIV

Mezuzah and Tefillin checking with Sofer Rabbi Yaakov Hoffman

Sunday November 7th

10:00am-12:00pm

180 Amsterdam Ave

Shele Danishevsky Covlin Foyer



Pricing Information:

Mezuzah:

Scroll in a case \$10

Scroll without a case \$7

Tefillin \$100 (cannot be done on-site)



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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Please note: If attending in person, must be vaccinated to partake in the breakfast portion.



LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS

Women's Tefillah Group: Chodesh Kislev Shiur

With Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty

Sunday,
November 14th
8:00pm

Topic:
Mothers, Sons, and
Nursemaids: The Role of
Devorah in the Dynamics
of a Patriarchal Family
Men and women welcome



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