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Parshat Vayigash

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Founding Chazzan

7 Tevet 5782 **Tamar Fix**

December 10-11, 2021 **Morey Wildes**

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:

4:11pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

4:15pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat; Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

4:28pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha

4:59pm Repeat Shema

Shabbat:

7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush (for vaccinated individuals only).

Shiur by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow.

9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;

Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer. Drasha before Musaf by

Rabbi Shaul Robinson. Topic: When the Future Comes Calling.

Main Kiddush on the Spira Family Terrace.

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

9:28am Latest Shema

9:30am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan; Location: The Spira Family Terrace

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

Location: Ballroom. Beginners Kiddush to follow.

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

10:16am Latest Shacharit

2:25pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash 3:25pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbinic Intern

Efraim Tepler; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara. 4:00pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.

Seudah Shlishit (for vaccinated individuals only).

Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

4:28pm Sunset: daven Mincha 5:11pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah

5:21pm Zoom Havdalah (link in electronic Echod).

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All indoor kiddushim are for vaccinated individuals only.

Hashkama Kiddush: Sandy Gross in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved grandmother, Esther Davis, Esther bat Menachem Mendel and Mindel, a"h.

Golda Hudes in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, Sara Bat Yakov a"h.

Cholent/Kugel Kiddush: Lincoln Square Synagogue in honor and appreciation of our Chai & Ner Tamid members.

Beginners Kiddush: Gina Milano in honor of Rabbi Buchwald, an extraordinary human being, and his wife, Aidel Buchwald and everything

Seudah Shlishit: Judy and Dr. Joe Pollak in commemoration of the Sheloshim of Joe's father, Manny Polak z"l.

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

MAZAL TOV

Aviva and Marvin Sussman in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Ethan Charles Sussman, Mazal toy also to parents Dalia and Eric Sussman and siblings Rebecca and Julia.

Grandparents Judy and Martin Braun on the birth of a boy to Talia and Chanania Engelsman.

Miriam and Jesse Izak on the birth of a boy.

Cantor WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:

Sunday, December 12 @ 8:30am Monday, December 13 @ 7:30am Tuesday, December 14, Fast of Tevet @7:15am Wednesday, December 15 - Friday, December 17 @ 7:30am Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday, December 12 & Monday, December 13 @ 4:20pm Tuesday, December 14, Fast of Tevet @ 4:00pm Wednesday, December 15 & Thursday, December 16 @ 4:20pm

NEXT SHABBAT

Our Friday night intimate Winter Wonderland Dinner in the Belfer Beit

Midrash honoring Dr. Sara Nash as Ateret Hatorah and Linda Rogers as Ateret Hakehilla, A Magen Avraham Teen Department Oneg, a Young Professionals Shabbat Kiddush AND: Rabbi Swap Shabbat: While Rabbi Robinson visits S&P to share a drasha, join us as we welcome Rabbi Meir Soloveichik from Shearith Israel who will

do the same for us! With an abundance of rabbinic treasures in our neighborhood, we are delighted to treat each other to this special Shabbat morning, where different congregations will experience another esteemed rabbi in their sanctuary. To sponsor the main kiddush in honor of Rabbi Soloveichik email info@lss.org. Multiple sponsors welcome.

FAST OF ASARAH B'TEVET

Fast of Asarah B'Tevet is on Tuesday Dec. 14th starts: 6:00am ends: 5:01pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 17: An intimate Winter Wonderland Friday Night Dinner **Location: Belfer Beit Midrash**

Mincha/Maariv: 4:15pm. Dinner to follow (approximately 5:30pm). Join us to gather together with family and friends and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner catered by Petaks. We will also be honoring Dr. Sara Nash as Ateret Hatorah and Linda Rogers as Ateret Hakehilla. Must be vaccinated (12+)-come with your fast pass bracelet from the High Holidays, bring a copy of your vaccination card, or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours. You can also send your vaccine card in advance to info@lss.org.

Shabbat, December 18th: Young Professionals Winter Kiddush: 12:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours. There is no fee but please

register in advance at: https://www.lss.org/event/YPwinterkiddush.

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Sponsors welcome. Sunday, December 19th: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Tevet: 8:00pm. Via Zoom. Topic: Asnat: Wife of Yosef, Daughter of Potiphar, Daughter of Dinah? Meeting ID: 885 6034 3511 Passcode: 123188

Sponsored by Golda Hudes in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, Sara Bat Yakov a"h.

Shabbat, January 1st: 12:30pm: Beginners Luncheon. Cost: \$25. Deadline: Dec. 29th. Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours. Register atwww.lss.org/beginners

Thursday, January 6th through Shabbat, January 8th: Scholar in Residence with Ray Ari Kahn. Rabbi of the Mishkan Etrog community in Givat Ze'ev and Director of the Overseas Students Program at Bar-Ilan University. See flyer for full schedule.

Shabbat, January 15th: Women's Tefillah Group: Shabbat Mincha: 4:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

NEIROT SHABBAT LEARNING

Following Friday night Maariv, on December 24, join us for a shiur given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by a hot kugel kiddush. Looking for our next sponsor! Email info@lss.org

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 Avrahum Sanger

Assistant Youth Director: Alexander Wildes

Friday, December 17th: Magen Avraham Teen Oneg: 8:30pm:

Location: Pre-function room. Come hang out with other teens! We'll have ping pong, cards, board games & snacks.

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

Imagine the scene. Father and son have not seen each other for years - they have been separated by borders, famine, and perhaps not even being aware of each other's continued existence for several years. In an epic meeting Yaakov is approaching Yosef as he comes down to Egypt, and as dawn breaks they meet and fall into each other's arms and well up with emotion and tears. The pasuk reports that Yosef indeed cried, yet does not fully report Yaakov's reaction. Rashi fills us in that our Rabbis said that 'Yaakov was reciting the Shema'! Rabbi Daniel Fine asks, for years Yaakov has not seen his son and all he can do is think of reciting Shema now?! Why did he not wait for a few minutes and then recite Shema, or perhaps say Shema earlier?

The Maharal in his Gur Aryeh gives a most beautiful answer here, turning the question on its head. To introduce this we shall cite a story which Rav Shimshon Pincus writes in his sefer She'arim Be'tfillah - I think it was about Rav Yercham Levovitz, famed mashgiach of Mir Yeshiva. When Rav Yerucham was a little boy someone hit him hard, and he began to cry. Within a few seconds, he got up and immediately began davening Mincha. Someone asked him later what caused this rapid turnaround, to which Rav Yerucham responded 'I figured that I was anyway crying - why not direct those tears towards Hashem in prayer.' Yaakov Avinu was a man of greatness and indeed he surely welled up with emotion and tears upon meeting Yosef. But he understood and lived the message that ordeals, trials and emotions can be used to connect to the Divine. Thus, rather than engage in a moment of his own pure emotion, he heroically decided to channel all that emotion and direct it in a supernal call to Hashem - Shema Yisrael: recognising Hashem as the source of everything.

May we learn from Yaakov the importance of both furthering our own growth, of channelling our experiences, and of realising that our relationship with others is part of our growth and obligations in life too.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Who volunteered themself in place of Binyamin
- 2. How old was Yaakov in this week's Parsha?
- 3. Why didn't the brothers want to tell Yaakov outright that Yosef was alive?
- 4. Who revealed to Yaakov that Yosef was still alive?

and is the ruler of the Egypt.

thought Yosef was dead. I hey didn't want to put him into shock.

4. Serach, the daughter of Asher played the harp. The brothers asked their niece to play a calming song on the harp and sing the lyrics, "Yosef is alive." When Yaakov overheard this song, he approached Serach to ask what this silly song was. Serach then told Yaakov that Yosef is really alive

3. Because Yaakov was now 130 years old and for the last 22 years, had

2. 130 years old

1. Yehudah

ANSWERS

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

Canceled this week Sh'eilot and Tshuvot

Monday:

- A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson: 11:00am-12:00pm. 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

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: 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

Wednesday:

 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

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: 7:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888 In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash



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We at LSS, honor congregants and their family members that have served, and are serving now in the IDF:

Alan Papier 1984-1985 Givati Brigade Idan Ziv z"l 1999 Cheil Hakesher Rabbi Yonatan Shai Freedman 2003 **Armored Corps** Elliot Z 2005-2006 Nahal Division Hillel Axelrod Kfir Brigade 2011-2014 Abbaleh Savitt 2012-2013 **Nahal Division** Daniel Shibley 2013-2015 Nahal Division Mayer Horwitz 2015-2019 7th Armored Brigade Jordana Offer 2017-2019 **Education Corps** Daniel Vogel 2017-2019 Nahal Brigade 2020 Palgat Hanegev-Combat Medic

We commemorate lone soldiers:
Michael Levin z"l
Aley Singer z"l

Alex Singer z"l Max Steinberg z"l

May their memory be for a blessing



DVAR TORAH

Parashat Vayigash December 11, 2021 By Judy Sokolow

Although the Shema prayer does not appear in the Bible until the sidrah of Ve'etchanan in Sefer Devarim (6:4-9) (which is read during the summer; hence it is not usually the subject of an Echod dvar-Torah), Rashi made reference to it in our sidrah.

Drama had been building. Joseph had already revealed his true identity to his brothers and, to allay their fear of retribution and pangs of guilt, explained that it was G-d's will that he had come down to Egypt "to ensure your survival on earth, and to save your lives in an extraordinary deliverance" (45:7). Amid copious tears, he then instructed his brothers to return to Canaan and to bring their father Jacob back with them to Egypt.

And so they did. After recovering from hearing the famous words "Od Yosef chai--Joseph is yet alive" (45:26) (a phrase co-opted to name a venerable Israeli charity), the extended family set out for Egypt. G-d appeared to Jacob along the way to reassure him: "I Myself will go down with you to Egypt and I Myself will also bring you back" (46:4). Jacob reached Egypt and awaited Joseph in Goshen.

How do you think you would react were you about to meet a long-lost, estranged yet beloved family member? We read: "Joseph ordered his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; he presented himself to him and, embracing him around the neck, he wept on his neck a good while" (46:29). Apparently without any malice or vindictiveness that might have been sparked by Jacob's past behavior concerning him and his brothers, Joseph hugged his father and wept. As noted above in his words to his brothers, Joseph understood that he was G-d's agent in fulfilling the covenant that G-d had made with Abraham: that his descendants would be enslaved in a foreign land, but that G-d would rescue them, and give them what would come to be known as the land of Israel (see Genesis 15). Joseph had come to peace with G-d and his family and turned his attention to his father.

So Joseph hugged Jacob and wept as we might have expected, but what about Jacob? Rashi noted: "But Jacob did not fall upon Joseph's neck, and did not kiss him; and our Rabbis said it was because he was reciting the Shema." What? Was this the routine morning or evening Shema? Arguably it was not.

R. Yehudah Loeb ben R. Bezalel, better known as the MAHARAL of Prague, noted the appropriateness of the Shema prayer in expressing love of G-d and wrote: "When Jacob came and saw his son Joseph as a king, his love and awe of G-d entered his heart; that His characteristics are good and pure and how He pays his worshippers with good reward." Jacob felt the need to acknowledge G-d before he could turn to his son.

So, both father and son saw their relationship with each other in the framework of their faith.

In his book Spirituality, Law, and the Shema, Rabbi Norman Lamm distinguished between normative, rote, "halachic" practices and those times when practice reflects spirituality, which is "subjective... unfettered and self-directed, impulsive and spontaneous." "Yet both are necessary" he posited. "Without the body of the law, spirituality is a ghost. Without the sweep of the soaring soul, the corpus of the law tends to become a corpse" (p. 6).

I would imagine that there was much soul soaring that day. May we, as well, have faith-based experiences that make our souls soar.

I would once again like to thank my husband, Moshe Sokolow, for being my research assistant.

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are: Vaera 1/1, Bo 1/8, Mishpatim 1/29, & Terumah, Shabbat Zachor 2/5 If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.

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Sunday

Rabbi Yoni Zolty Sh'eilot and Tshuvot: Learning Classic & contemporary responsa

Monday

A Gemara Class

Tuesday

Rabbi Robinson Parshat Bava Kama: Laws HaShavuah shiur

Wednesday

Rabbanit Mindy Personalities in Rabbinic

January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

In the Belfer Beit Midrash

In the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sancturary



Tuesday Evening: Rabbi Robinson A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury



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DECEMBER 17

FOLLOWING MINCHA/MAARIV AT 4:15PM
DINNER BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30PM

HONORING

DR. SARA NASH AS ATERET HAKEHILLA

AND LINDA ROGERS AS ATERET HAKEHILLA

LOCATION: BELFER BEIT MIDRASH BUFFET BY PETAK'S CATERING



Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Tevet Shiur

With Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty

Asnat: Wife of Yosef,
Daughter of Potiphar,
Daughter of Dinah?

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH 8:00PM

> Sponsored by Golda Hudes, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her Mother, Sara bat Yakov a"h

| Join via Zoom Meeting ID: 885 6034 3511 | Password: 123188

Men and women welcome
To sponsor the next shiur email info@lss.org



Young Professionals* Winter Wonderland Kiddush

Shabbat, December 18
Following morning services
Belfer Beit Midrash



Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours

No fee to attend

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Please register in advance Sponsors welcome! E: rabbanit@lss.org www.lss.org

LINCOLN SQUARE Greet, meet and eat with other LSS Young Professionals!

Scholar in Residence



Rav Ari Kahn

Rabbi of the Mishkan Etrog Community Director of the Overseas Students Programs at Bar-Ilan Uiversity

Shabbat of January 8th

Thursday January 6th-7:00pm

Parsha and Pizza Shiur:
 Emancipation from Mental Slavery

Friday January 7th

Friday Night Neriot Shabbat Shiur after Maariv
 The Sabbatical Year and BDS- A View from Israel

Saturday January 8th

- Drasha after musaf in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
 - The "Wicked" Child In and Out of Context
- Seudah Shlishit

The Limits of the Elasticity of Elu V' Elu