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## Parshat Lech Lecha 8 Cheshvan 5777 • October 27-28

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#### **Shabbat Schedule**

5:41pm Candle Lighting

#### **Friday Night**

5:45pm Mincha/Carlebach Style Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary followed by a small hot kiddush in the Shele Danishefsky Lobby.

#### **Shabbat Morning**

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Shiur given

#### by Dr Moshe Sokolow

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by Community Intern, Zissy Turner in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Sermon given by Rabbi Eddie Abramson on "Ironic Laughter: The Absurd Story of the Jewish People"

- 9:15am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201
- 9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash.
- 9:59am Latest Shema
- 10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12

#### **Shabbat Afternoon**

- 1:00pm Young Professionals Shabbat Lunch
- 3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West
- 4:25pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm 211
- 4:25pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen

Sanctuary given by Rabbi Eddie Abramson on "Contagious Laughter: Teaching All of Us How to Laugh"

4:45pm Breast Cancer Awareness Talk in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Thank you to our sponsors: Rachel Neumark Herlands and Jonathan Herlands - sponsoring "in memory of our beloved friend and LSS member, Sandy Rotter a"h." Thank you also to Iris and Owen Cahn - sponsoring "in loving memory of Irmgard Cahn, Martha Rose, and Ellen Wertheimer, a"h, and wishing a refuah shelema to Betsy Graiser Preiss." Thank you also to sponsor, Shirley Wald whose message is - "support your sisters!"

5:25pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit . Dvar Torah given by Uri Bachrach on "Chemed: The Most Amazing Story of Israel's Birth that No One Ever Heard" 6:40pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

## **NEXT SHABBAT**

Teen Minyan & Munch • 10:45 am Join us in the pre-function room for our first Teen Minyan of the season followed by a kiddush with sushi, snacks, and more! Kiddush being sponsored by the **Sterman family** "in memory of Morris (Moshe) Sterman z"l on his yahrtzeit Shabbat."

Beginners Luncheon. The cost is \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Deadline: Thursday, November 2.

Annual LSS Hospitality Shabbaton Be a Guest Be a Host Be a Part Pick a Shabbat meal and make new friends! Let us know whether you want to host, be hosted or are already participating- the more we know, the better we can make sure that everyone's a part of this wonderful event. Sign up at www.lss.org or email hospitalityshabbaton@lss.org



Motzei Shabbat, 8:00pm Lincoln Square Synagogue Film Committee invites you to opening night of the 2017-18 film season with a special screening of Ben Gurion, Epilogue. The screening will be followed by a Q & A with Alon Ben Gurion, grandson of David Ben Gurion. Tickets are \$25. Register at www.lss.org/film

#### THIS SHABBAT

Friday Night, Oct. 27 • World Wide Shabbat Project. Join us for a Carlebach Style Kabbalat Shabbat with Mo Kiss and the Kol HaNeshamah A cappella group followed by a dinner catered by Petak's. (pre-registration required)

Shabbat, Oct. 28 • Scholar in Residence. Please join LSS as we welcome Rabbi Eddie Abramson. Rabbi Abramson will be delivering the Shabbat Morning sermon following Musaf and the pre-Mincha shiur. Rabbi Abramson, a proud former member of LSS, is the author of the history of the founding of LSS, entitled "A Circle in the Square: Rabbi Shlomo Riskin Re-Invents the Synagogue." He has Semicha from Yeshiva University and made Aliyah with his wife and family in 1983. He's been involved in Jewish outreach activities throughout his career, both is the US and in Israel. He recently retired from nine years of work with the Joint Distribution Committee in Jerusalem, working to help Jews around the world in need, in both material and spiritual ways. He is now working with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin in preparation for the publication of Rabbi Riskin's halachic and philosophical writings.

Please join LSS as we welcome Professor Uri Bachrach who will be speaking during Seudat Shlishit. Professor Bachrach is one of the only remaining members of Chemed, the Haganah's science corps that home-built the weapons that were used in the 1948 War of Independence.

1:00pm • Young Professionals Autumn Shabbat Lunch . Join us for our YP Kick Off event discussing ways to give back to the community and how to get more involved with LSS.

4:45pm Breast Cancer Awareness: Melissa Rosen, the Director of National Outreach at Sharsheret, and Dr. Caryn Gamss, a breast imager, will discuss changes in mammogram recommendations, answer questions about breast density, ultrasound and MRI. Location: BM (men and women invited)

#### THIS SUNDAY

1:00pm • Annual Fall Clothing Drive • This year LSS is proudly donating winter coats/clothing to the shelter for homeless elderly and to the Belarus – Ukraine Jewish Community. Additionally, we will be collecting some summer clothing for hurricane relief. Volunteers needed (ages 8+).

## THANK YOU TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Manny Zareh in loving memory of his grandfather, Shmuel Ben Haviv and Rivka, z"l.

Main Kiddush: Dr. Fabienne Rottenberg in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Chaim Yosef bat Yetka z"l.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: The Laufer Family in commemoration of the vahrtzeits of their fathers Reb Yaakov ben Reb Meir z'l and HaRav Shalom Yehoshua ben HaRav Moshe z"l; and of our esteemed and beloved Associate Rabbi Hershel Cohen, Harav Tzvi Hirsch ben Reb Yitzchok z"l, whose yahrzeit is tonight.

Beginners Kiddush: The Bar Mitzvah Project Beginners and Leaders, Mordechai Beilis, Bill Greenbaum, Moshe Jennings, Moshe Sheinwexler and Angelo Verga, wish to thank Chazzan Goffin, Dassa Gerber Greenbaum, Bill Caplow, Rafi Chaitlin, and Michael Laufer, for this experience of connecting to Torah in a real and meaningful way.

Seudah Shlishit: Beth Epstein in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, Sarah Epstein a"h.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE FOR:	October 29	MINCHA/ MA'ARIV: 5:40pm (Sunday- Thursday)	
SUNDAY	MONDAY and THURSDAY	TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:10am, 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:00am, 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:10am, 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:10am, 7:50am

# **Upcoming Events**



Monday, November 6 • 8:15- 9:30pm • Beginners Schmooze No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.



Tuesday, November 7 • 5:00pm-7:00pm • Mount Sinai will be coming to administer flu shots. Location: outside the Main Sanctuary.



Sunday November 12 • 10:00am-12:00pm • Meet the Author: Follow & Destroy the Terrorists's Money Trail. Nitsana Darshan Leitner, author of the just released book "Harpoon: Inside the Covert War Against Terrorism's Money Masters" will discuss her book and autograph purchased copies. "Harpoon" is the story of legendary Mossad director Meir Dagan and his campaign of targeting – and draining — the finances of organizations that fund attacks against Israel. Dagan's concept became the cornerstone of America's war on terror and it served as one of the many joint efforts in which the United States and Israel work side-by-side. The program includes breakfast, lecture and book sale. Location: Room 206/207. Register at <a href="www.lss.org/harpoon.">www.lss.org/harpoon.</a>



Motzei Shabbat November 18 • LSS Book Club Meeting Our presenter will be our own Rabbi Robinson who will discuss the novel *The Children's Act by Ian McEwan*. The rabbi believes that the book "touches upon some very difficult ethical dilemmas that are fully discussed in Jewish law." Location: The home of Noreen Wachs. Please check with the shul office for Noreen's address.

## Adult Education @ LSS

We are pleased to announce our Adult Education Brochure is now available on our website at <a href="www.lss.org">www.lss.org</a>
With so many classes, programs, and learning opportunities there is sure to be something for everyone.

We look forward to continued growth together as a community!

# **Weekly Learning Opportunities**

There are times when, for various reasons, classes may be canceled. If you would like to confirm that any particular class is indeed taking place please call the shul office at 212-874-6100

#### Sunday

Sunday Morning Responsa 3.6 with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 9:15am-10:00am - Beit Midrash

#### Monday

- Chug lvrit given by Hai Piazesky. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In the class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Room 207
- The Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum: 7:30pm-8:30pm- Room 208. The Jewish Living Workshop is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at <a href="JLwork-shop@yahoo.com">JLwork-shop@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="www.lss.org">www.lss.org</a>. Remaining classes: 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, and 11/20. Topic: Putting up a Mezuzah
- Visionary: The Writings of Rav Kook with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 8:00pm Belfer Beit Midrash

## Tuesday:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha" led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 10:30am 11:30am Beit midrash
- Introduction to Bible with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; 6:30-8:00pm. 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. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at <a href="https://www.lss.org/beginners">www.lss.org/beginners</a>. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. 6 classes remaining. Room 206/207
- Talmud b'Shana in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:15pm—Beit Midrash
- Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II led by Ron Platzer; 7:30pm -8:30pm. Room 211

## Wednesday:

- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai given by Sara Brzowsky; 8:00pm-8:45pm Rm 207
- Jewish History Seminar: Controversies and Scandals of Jewish History with Paul Shaviv. 8:00pm-9:00pm— Belfer Beit Midrash. This will be an 8 week series consisting of thought provoking lectures.

#### Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer; 11:30am-12:30pm Rm LL201. (resumes November 2)
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:00pm Beit Midrsah

#### Save the Date:

• New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I and Level II** will begin **Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30pm.** The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at <a href="https://www.lss.org/beginners">www.lss.org/beginners</a>.

# **High Holiday Pledges**

If you have made a High Holiday Pledge this is a final reminder to please fulfill your pledge as soon as possible. You can drop it off in the shul office between 9:00am-5:00pm or, if it is after office hours, you can use the tzedakah box hanging outside the office to drop off your check.

Thank you for your generosity & support!

# Have Your Say & Win Something in the Process Too! First Winner Announcement Below

## www.lss.org/haveyoursay

137 of you have participated and we thank you!!! To provide excellent customer experiences, we must listen to our members-but this survey is of little use to us if the response rates are low. The response rate has a direct bearing on the survey's usefulness and our ability to enact change. We plan to close the loop. Not only do we want to hear from you now but we also want you to know that we will act based on your feedback. Transparency is key! That is why we will



send an end-of-survey e-mail thanking you for participating and providing feedback and describing the actions that will be taken in response to the results. Your participation is vital to our success! Please take a few moments to fill out the survey and be a part of this meaningful project. Your participation is vital to our success! All those that have filled it out and anyone filling it out now will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card! Please take a few moments to fill out the survey and be a part of this meaningful project.

# Congratulations to Perry Davis on winning the first Amazon Gift card!

# **Youth Department**

זרעים זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210 שורשים Roots (3-4 years old) Room 208 ניצנים Buds (K-1st) Room 211 פרחים Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206 ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



Parhsat Lech Lecha

10:00 am Drop off 10:20 am Davening

10:45 am Mission to Win It

11:00 am Sarai to Sarah Circle Time

#### Parsha Theme: Mission Possible

In this week's Parsha Lech Lecha, Rashi asks in the first posuk, why does the Torah use a double terminology "Lech Lecha?" Rashi answers because it will be for your own good and for your own benefit. In other words, when Avram left, he became rich, famous, and had children. Each of us is given a mission by Hashem and while it may be difficult and we may think that we don't want to complete the mission, ultimately the mission will be for our own benefit.

**This week our children will ask**: What was in Egypt that convinced Avram to travel there? Why did Avram pretend that Sarah was his sister? Who was Sarah's handmaiden? Where did Lot go? What does G-d promise Avram? How does Avram show his commitment to G-d?

Is your child interested in giving a Dvar Torah? Have them write an email to <u>Youth@lss.org</u> Questions for the Youth Department? Send a note to Youth@lss.org

Shabbat Shalom! Ariella and Mendel

# **Teen Department**

After an awesome month of Chagim at LSS, Magen Avraham Teen Programming is taking it to the next level with our very first Teen Minyan. Shabbat November 4th • 10:45 AM in the pre-function room for Musaf and Kiddush (Sushi and more!). Sponsored by the Sterman family in memory of Morris (Moshe) Sterman z'l on his yahrtzeit Shabbat.

Motzei Shabbat, November 18 • Teen Movie Night. Join us for a movie, pizza and popcorn. Sponsored by Rabbi Charlie Savenor and Julie Walpert in honor of the upcoming anniversary of Julie's parents, Ann and Harvey Walpert.

We'd love to keep you and your teens posted on upcoming events! Email us at Teens@LSS.org to join our mailing list and stay apprised of great things to come!

#### Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel

If you'd like to sponsor a teen kiddush or an event please email teens@lss.org.

## **Breast Cancer Awareness Month at LSS**

SHARSHERET

Your Jewish Community Facing Breast Cancer

LSS is proud to partner with Sharsheret to offer toys and makeup to families affected with breast cancer.

**Best Face Forward:** The best face forward kit provides resources that address the cosmetic side effects of radiation and chemo therapy treatments including hair loss, thinning eyebrows and eyelashes, dry skin, and changes in skin tone.

**Busy Box for Young Parents Facing Breast Cancer:** The busy box provides resources to help educate parents on how to guide young children through their mother's cancer journey and address the needs of their young children during the diagnosis, treatment, and beyond.

For donation details please pick up flyers in the shul lobby. Collection boxes are located in the shul office. Collection ends Tuesday, October 31.

Parshat Lech Lecha 10/28/17 Gidi Grinstein



# Parshat Lech Lecah: Being a Blessing By Gidi Grinstein

"...and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you." (Bereshit, 12:3) establishes the foundation of the mission of the Jewish People to be a light unto the nations and to have a special mission in humanity. This idea will evolve into our eternal mission to repair the world in the kingdom of God and to be a 'chosen people' - Ahm Segula.

How does a people become a blessing for the families of the earth? Judaism has an answer to this daunting question. Its essence is that 'godliness' – as the great Edgar Bronfman z"I articulated – is not found in the heavens and in the quest for God and His service, but in the daily interactions among human beings and their surroundings. In other words, ethics, morality and sanctity should be explored not just by looking up to the sky but by looking straight into the eyes of our parents, spouses, siblings, children, friends, community and society at large. That's why Jewish law is obsessed with the most minute details of human conduct: how and when to educate your children, to treat your parents, to do business, to grow a field, to separate holy from mundane, to take care of animals, to share your wealth or to make love. It is short-sighted to view these commandments as religious obligations, because they are, in fact, observations about the workings of an ethical model society.

Consequently, for many centuries, Jews offered light to and leadership in humanity through the qualities of their society, through their philosophical ideas, laws and justice system, the structures of their community and the qualities of their institutions. We were repeatedly able to offer breakthrough ideas that eventually shaped human society, e.g. Shabbat, human rights, labor laws, environmental protection or in trade and finances. In other words, our contribution to humanity has been qualitative.

This condition was transformed in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Since that time, due to the combined power and affluence of the Jewish People as a whole, around the world and in the State of Israel, our contribution to humanity could also become quantitative. In other words, our people with Israel at its core, have now been able to actually physically improve the lives of many millions of people around the world in areas of healthcare, food and water, security or agriculture. In other words, for the first time we are actually able able to move the needle on global issues, through our ingenuity.

And many do take on this challenge. Inspired by Peter Diamandis' motto that the world's biggest problems are the world's biggest opportunities, many Israelis engage in life-transforming initiatives and go to scale with them. Through technology and its application, it is now common to meet young Jews, in Israel or around the world, who say that they will change the world in their own unique way, and that their motivation comes from the most ancient ideal of *Tikkun Olam*. Well, for those of us who follow the Torah, that commitment can be traced to verse 12:3 of *Bereshit*.