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PARSHAT BESHALACH • 10 SHEVAT 5774 • JANUARY 10-11 2014
CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:30PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Elana Stein Hain
Community Scholar
Lloyd Epstein
President
Ben Keil
Executive Director

Friday Evening

- 4:30pm:** Candle Lighting
4:35pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
8:00pm: Tisch with **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** in honor of Shabbat Shira in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Chulent, kugel and refreshments will be served. Co-Sponsored by **Adir & Esther Greenfeld** in honor of Adir's father's 67th Birthday; and by **Jonathan & Laura Heller**

Shabbat Day

- 7:45am:** Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Farewell drasha by **Rabbi Eitan Bendavid**.
9:15am: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
9:30am: Youth Breakfast
9:40am: Latest Shema
9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**
10:00am: Tween Minyan for boys and girls in 5th – 7th grade in the ballroom. Includes tefilah, snacks, games, & prizes.

Shabbat Afternoon

- 3:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
3:05pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
3:35pm: Talmud Class with **Dr. Ben Elton**: "How Many Loaves for Seudah Shlishit? Lechem Mishneh and the Miracle of the Man"
3:35pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
4:20pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
5:32pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends
7:00pm: Film Screening: *Fill the Void* in the ballroom. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.

Thank you to our volunteer Security Guards, Greeters, and Ushers this Shabbat

Weekday Prayer Schedule Sunday, Jan. 12 - Friday, Jan. 17

Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun-Thursday at 4:35 pm**

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon&Thur</u>	<u>Tue, Wed & Fri</u>
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Lloyd Epstein & Judith Weil**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Judith's father, **Shlomo ben Meir Mordechai HaLevi, z"l**, and grandmother, **Gittel bat Chaim HaCohen, a"h**. Co-Sponsored by **Berwin & Ettie Cohen** in honor of the birth of their daughter.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored in celebration of **Esther Freedman's** special birthday, by her children, and by **Daniel & Becky Freedman** as a thank you and goodbye to the Lincoln Square clergy and community.

Co-Sponsored by **Rabbi Eitan & Etta Bendavid** in gratitude and love for the warmth they've received from the LSS community; by **Dorothea Krieger** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, **Eleanor Krieger, a"h**; by **Rabbi Abe Rabinovich** in celebration of **Dovid Yechiel's** Bar Mitzvah; and by **Jackye Goldberg, Jerry Tov Greenberg, Dvora Krevat, and Esther Liba Krause**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their father, **Allan I. Greenberg, z"l**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by the Beginners Service in honor of **Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain**. Co-Sponsored by **Rabbi Ephraim & Aidel Buchwald** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Rabbi Buchwald's mother, **Tillie Buchwald, a"h**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Milayna Subar and Jeffery Schwartz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Milayna's mother, **Ruthe Brown Subar, a"h**.

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Dovid Yechiel Rabinovich** and his family on his Bar Mitzvah.
- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Berwin and Ettie Cohen** on the birth of a baby girl.

Thank you to **Rabbi Eitan Bendavid** for your years of service at Lincoln Square Synagogue. We wish you much success in your upcoming post as Rabbi of the West Side Sephardic Synagogue.

Welcome to our new Manhattan Yoetzet Halakah, Lisa Septimus. Lisa will be speaking on "The Top Five Mikvah Myths" at a program at Congregation Ramath Orah on Sunday, January 12th beginning at 11am. RSVP by email to info@ramathorah.org

See additional flyer for details.



Please Note: We are aware that the main sanctuary Hearing Induction Loop is not yet operational, and we are doing our best to expedite its activation. We apologize for the delay.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE

SUNDAY

- Midrash on the Upcoming Parsha
Dr. Ben Elton • 9:15am

TUESDAY

- Parsha Class
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- Tuesday Beit Midrash Night
8:15-9:15pm • *Chavurot led by LSS members:*
 - ◊ Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings.
Led by **Marcy Zwecker** and **Robyn Mitchnick**.
 - ◊ The First Book of Samuel: Politics and Kingship.
Led by **Ron Platzer**.
 - ◊ The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai.
Led by **Sara Brzowsky**.

WEDNESDAY

- Talmudic Methodology
Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm
- Talmudic Tales of 'the Other' 3-week series (NEW)
With **Ms. Ilana Gadish** • 7:15pm
In this shiur series, we will explore Talmudic stories in which our sages learn halachot and values from unexpected characters— characters viewed as "the Other" during this time period.
- Wednesday Beit Midrash Night
8:15-9:15pm • *Chavurot led by LSS members:*
 - ◊ Yiddish Writings of the Rav. Led by **Moshe Sheinwexler**.

THURSDAY

- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7pm

For more information on all the weekly learning opportunities, visit lss.org/classes

Youth Announcements

Youth Groups Shabbat Schedule

Youth Breakfast at 9:30
Pre-K: 10:00 am — Room 208
K and 1st grade: 10:00 am — Room 207
2nd - 4th Grade: 10:00 am — Room 206
Tween Minyan: 10:00am — Ballroom

New Series: Motza'ei Shabbat Parent Child Learning
Motza'ei Shabbat, January 11, 6:15-7:15, FREE, all ages
 The Youth Department is proud to announce the inaugural Motza'ei Shabbat Parent-Child learning program. Parents and children of all ages are invited to come learn a little Torah, nosh on pizza, and win prizes. If you'd like to sponsor a future session please email Avi at avi@lss.org.

Celebrate Tu B'shevat with the LSS Youth Department!

Sunday, January 12, 10:30 – noon, \$10 per child, \$25 per family, ages 4 and up
 Come learn about this special holiday, enjoy traditional Tu B'Shevat fruits and treats, and plant your very own plant. RSVPs are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome avi@lss.org
 Please visit lss.org/youth to see info on upcoming events such as Simchah Dancing, Feb 2



Featured Upcoming Events

CLE Class with Rabbi Professor Daniel Sinclair

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 31, 28, and Feb. 4 • 6:30-8:00pm
 CLE class that will examine Jewish Law and its application to a variety of contemporary issues. The presenter will be Rabbi Professor Daniel Sinclair, a master teacher who is a highly respected authority on biomedical, Jewish law, the jurisprudence of Jewish law, and more. The cost is **\$36 for the Jan. 14th class, \$100 for one lecture, \$180 for two lectures, or \$300 for all 4 lectures**. To see the topics of each lecture and to register visit lss.org/cle
UJA-Federation of New York Tov B'Yachad Tu B'Shevat Volunteer Project**

This Thursday, January 16. 11:30am-1pm
 Families with pre-teens & teens are welcome to join in serving lunch to low income seniors at the United Jewish Council Senior Lunch Program at 15-17 Bialystoker Place on the Lower East Side. Event Chairs: Chavie Kahn and Pia Rubin. The event is free, but space is limited. Advance registration is required. To register or for more information, please contact Nessa Liben at [212-836-1173](tel:212-836-1173) or libenn@ujafedny.org.

Jonathan H. Spanbock Memorial Lecture in Jewish Ethics

Next Shabbat, January 18 • Services at 9am, Lecture at 11:15am.
"Inside-Outside: Biblical Leaders and Their Non-Jewish Mentors"
 Speaker: **Ms. Judy Klitsner**, contemporary Bible scholar, author and international speaker. Ms. Klitsner will also be speaking before Mincha on the topic of: *"Would You Murder and Also Inherit?: A Biblical Story of Crimes, Misdemeanors, and Other Addictions"*

Matters of Faith (3 Sessions)

7:15pm Tuesday January 21, January 28, and February 4
 A series co-lead by **Dr. Michelle Friedman & Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain**. Co-sponsored by the UJA-Federation of NY Tov B'Yachad**. This three-week series offers an open space to share and discuss some of the big questions of Jewish belief from both Jewish and personal perspectives. Registration closes this week. *The cost is \$75 for the three weeks.*

Museum Tour of "The Jewish Renaissance in Italy and England" exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Sunday, January 19 • 10:30am
 Guided tour by **Dr. Rachael Goldman**, experienced tour guide and award-winning lecturer. Pre-registration is required. *The cost is \$30 • Limited to the first 30 registrants.*

Nach B'Iyun: Sefer Shmuel 1 with Rabbi Hayyim Angel

Wednesdays, 7:15pm January 29-April 2
 Co-sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals. *The cost is \$20 per class in advance \$25 at the door, or \$150 for the complete 10-week series.*
 Pre-register at lss.org/rabbianangel

"The Challenge of Dinosaurs," a unique presentation by Rabbi Natan Slifkin, "Zoo Rabbi"

Sunday, January 26, 2014 • 10:00am
 A unique presentation of Judaism, Dinosaurs, and the Age of the Universe. For adults, teens, and preteens. Made possible by the generous sponsorship of our members **Hertzle and Lolly Bak**.

**Tov B'Yachad communicates the shared values of UJA-Federation and the Orthodox community.

Visit our website at lss.org for more information or to register for the featured events above, and to find out about all of the other exciting upcoming events

The Lea Segre Tomchei Shabbos Fund discreetly distributes thousands of dollars to our own community members to defray the costs of Shabbat and Yom Tov meals and clothing. Help yourself and your neighbors by sending your contributions, earmarked for LSTSF to the LSS office. If you are aware of any LSS community member (including yourself) who could benefit from a Shabbat meal, please let us know by contacting the LSS office or by confidential email to rabbil@lss.org.

Beginners Announcements

- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II**, will begin **THIS Monday, January 13th, 2014 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.
- Save the date! Register now for **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (Begins **Tuesday, January 28th, 2014 6:30-8:00pm**). An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed. To register, please call **212-874-6100** or register online at www.beginners.lss.org. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- Save the date! The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, February 1st, 2014**. The cost is still only \$20. Please make your reservations by **Thursday, January 30th**. You can register online at www.beginners.lss.org or call **212-874-6100**.

De-Bar Torah By Dovid Y. Rabinowich

I'm so excited to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah on Parshat Beshalach when we read the Shirah, the song of the children of Israel at the sea. One verse of the Shirah in particular speaks directly to the meaning of celebrating a Bar Mitzvah:

זֶה אֱלֹהֵי וְאֶנְוִיֶהוּ אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי וְאֶרְמְמֶנְהוּ

Zeh E-ily ve-anveihu, Elohey avi va-arommemenhu,

This is my God and I will enshrine Him, The God of my father, and I will exalt Him. (Exodus 15:2)

Targum Onkelos translates וְאֶנְוִיֶהוּ (*ve-anveihu*) as, "I will enshrine Him," but Rashi and Rashbam, translate it as "I will glorify him." The rabbis of the Talmud, on Shabbat 133b, tell us that this verse teaches that when we perform Mitzvot (commandments) we need to go the extra mile to make them beautiful; we should glorify God with our rituals. The Talmud Shabbat also has another translation for וְאֶנְוִיֶהוּ (*ve-anveihu*): "I will try to emulate Him."

All three translations are identified with the performance of Mitzvot. The objects of Mitzvot help us create holy space and artifacts to **enshrine** Him; the rituals of Mitzvot also enable us to **glorify** Him; lastly, by the act of performing Mitzvot we **emulate** Him.

This verse also attests to two profound ways we connect to God:

"This is **my** God and I will enshrine Him,"

First and foremost the verse puts the emphasis on building a personal relationship with God: "This is **MY** God": by understanding and revealing the nurturing Godliness that is within each of us it enables us to connect to God on a personal level.

"The God of **my father**, and I will exalt Him."

Secondly, the verse tells us of a collective relationship we have with God. We serve Him as, "the God of **my father**," following God with loyalty and devotion out of respect for our ancestors and our tradition. We keep our faith in Him for He is "The God of **my father**" even in moments when we don't understand and feel His presence.

As I become a Bar Mitzvah, a man, or son of Mitzvot, I proudly pledge my service to "The God of my father" with loyalty and with respect. But most importantly, as I embark on my journey to discover how to connect to God on a personal level, I will endeavor to emulate Him, by doing His Mitzvot and performing His rituals with glory and pride.

Shabbat Shalom

With thanks to my dear Aba with love.

The Mix

Open miracles נסים גלויים were as everyday to Bnei Yisroel as were their complaints. The sea splits, rocks sprout water, nutrition falls from the skies. It was hard for the generations following slavery to not believe in God. After all, they saw His hand at work in supernatural ways, saving and protecting them. This is my God and I will adore Him, they say in this week's parsha.

But it was Fear of God, their Awe and Wonder that was the driving force behind their Faith. A trembling people, trying to not look up at the threatening mountain God held above them exclaimed נעשה ונשמע. 'Yes, God. We will do anything you want.' the cried. They recognized Hashem because of His might, His ability to affect nature, and His power to destroy. ויראו העם את ה' "The Nation feared God," precedes the great Song of the Sea... ויאמינו בה' "and they believed in God..." First fear, then faith.

After the Greek exile, the hand of God hid behind nature and circumstance. Salvation from Haman, the first miracle in exile, could have easily been blown off as coincidence. But the Jews of Shushan saw God's Hand at work. When Mordechai was offered the key to Shushan, there were no mountains over his head. קיימו וקבלו says the Megillah of the Yehudim of Purim. Acceptance was at the root of their Emunah.

At Sinai the Torah was given; at Shushan it was received. Finally, accepting the Torah with love, not fear, was the path to Emunah. For what is love if not acceptance and what creates commitment more than love.

The complex mix of Love and Fear has been at the heart of our hashkafa, our Jewish worldview, for years. Can you love without fear? Fear without love? Can you believe without either or must you have both? Is tzedaka given out of commitment better than tzedaka given out of obligation. What about Kashrus and Shatnez? Must I enjoy abstaining? Must I love my God to accept His restrictions?

Nobody is all love or all fear. It's your personal mix of love and fear that leads you to Emunah. Your personal mix, your personal map to Emunah, is yours and no less unique than your fingerprints or genetic makeup. You can learn how to daven and how to say a piece of gemara. You can learn how to wash and how to put on tefillin. But when it comes to Emunah, you're on your own. No one can tell you how to believe.