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PARSHAT TOLDOT • 29 CHESHVAN 5774
SHABBAT MEVARCHIM • NOVEMBER 1-2 2013
CANDLE LIGHTING: 5:35PM

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

Welcome to everyone who is joining us for the 2013 Hospitality Shabbaton!

Friday Evening

5:35PM: Candle Lighting

5:40PM: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**

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**. Drasha by **Dr. Ben Elton**: "Birthright? What Birthright?" Following Services, mini-shiur by **Mr. Reuben Ibrahimoff**, "Haftorahman."

9:15AM: Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)

9:30AM: Youth Breakfast

9:45AM: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

10:00AM: Tween Minyan in the ballroom for boys and girls in fifth through seventh grade. The program includes Tefilah, snacks, games, and prizes.

10:02AM: Latest Shema

12:30PM: Beginners Luncheon in room 206/207

Shabbat Afternoon

4:00PM: Bikur Cholim. Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.

4:10PM: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:40PM: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**

4:40PM: Talmud Class with **Ms. Ilana Gadish**: "Seven Headed Demons and Aggadic Interactions with Halakhah"

5:25PM: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

6:34PM: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

7:15PM: Tween Movie Night in room 206/207. Enjoy a movie and pizza party with Tween Minyan participants and leader **Avi Lichtschein**.

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

**Don't forget to turn your clocks
back one hour on Saturday night**



Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund.

Main Kiddush

Co-Sponsored by **Gary Miller** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his beloved father, **Nathan Miller, z"l**; by **Edna and Bill Caplow** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Edna's mother, **Rose Doyny, a"h**, and Bill's father, **Max Caplow, z"l**; by **Francine and Jay Cinamon**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Francine's father, **Dr. Leo Nagel, z"l**; and by **Dorothea Krieger** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her grandfather, **Moses Krieger, z"l**.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Roberta and Robert Hadi** in honor of the 20th birthday of their son, **Jonathan Hadi**; and by **Sandra Herschli** in honor of **Ira Weinstock's** Birthday.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Vivian and Muk Eisenmann** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Muk's father, **Samuel Eisenmann, z"l**; and by **Jay and Trudy Zimmern** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Trudy's father, **Sidney Klein, Alta Alexander Ben Yona, z"l**.

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Linda and Howard Sterling** on the upcoming wedding of their grandson, **Nadav Avraham**, son of **Yaakov and Dr. Arielah Sterling**, to **Devorah Domb**, daughter of **Mordechai Menachem and Tamar Domb** in Bnei Brak.

**The Molad for the month of Kislev will be on Sunday
14 minutes and 4 chalakim after noon. Rosh Chodesh
Kislev will be on Sunday and Monday**

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 3 - Friday, Nov. 8

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

Sun	Mon	Thur	Tues, Wed, & Fri
(Rosh Chodesh)	(Rosh Chodesh)		
Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:55am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:40am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

**Drivers and schleppers are needed for the food
funnel bakery bread run. Email info@lss.org.**

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Levels I and II • 6:30-8:00pm.
See Beginners Announcements

TUESDAY

- Parsha class
Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30 am
- Introduction to Bible
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm. *See Beginners Announcements*
- War and Peace: Jewish Morality in the IDF
Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain • 7:15pm • FINAL CLASS OF THE 4-PART SERIES. Join Us Nov. 12: Series Finale Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shalom Hammer (*See upcoming Events on page 3 for details*)
- Intermediate Talmud Shiur
Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 7:45 pm • At the home of Marion and Maurice Spanbock
- 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 Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai.
Led by **Sara Brzowsky**.
 - ◊ The First Book of Samuel: Politics and Kingship.
Led by **Ron Platzer**.
 - ◊ Jewish Living Workshop • 8 pm • Led by **Dassah and Bill Greenbaum** • For people who are interested in learning about practical Judaism. Email jlworkshop@yahoo.com to join.

WEDNESDAY

- Nach b'lyun: Shofetim
Rabbi Hayyim Angel • 7:15-8:15pm • Sefer Shofetim. The shiur is free. To sponsor, please contact Sandy@lss.org.
- Talmudic Methodology
Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm
- Wednesday Beit Midrash Night • 8:15-9:15 pm • *Chavurot led by LSS members:*
 - ◊ Yiddish Writings of the Rav. Led by **Moshe Sheinwexler**.
 - ◊ *New for Young Professionals!* Jewish Literacy 101: A Journey Through Jewish Intellectual History.
Rabbi Eitan Bendavid, Topic #5: "*The beginnings of Desire: Adam and Eve*" • 8:45pm • At LSS, second floor
Contact Eitanbendavid@gmail.com for more information.

THURSDAY

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

Beginners Announcements

- Welcome to those who are attending the Beginners Luncheon.
- **THIS Monday, November 4th, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. No charge, complimentary refreshments. **Please call 212-874-6100 to confirm.**
- Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible** (Began **Tuesday, October 1st, 6:30-8:00pm**). This course, which meets for another **3 weeks** 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.
- **Hebrew Reading Crash Courses Level I and Level II began on Monday, October 14th at 6:30 pm. The classes meet for 1½ hours, for 2 more weeks, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.**
- The next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by **Dassa and Bill Greenbaum** will be this **Tuesday, November 5th, 8pm**. The workshop is free; register at jlworkshop@yahoo.com. Topic: **Zmirot Workshop** (with placement for Shabbat lunch on November 9th).
- **Save the date! Friday and Saturday, November 22nd-23rd for the Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton. \$40 includes three meals. Payment and reservations must be received by Monday, November 18th. Register online at www.beginners.lss.org.**
- **Save the date! Monday, December 2nd, 7:00 pm for the Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash. Live music by Psachya Septimus. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Register online at www.beginners.lss.org. Sorry, no phone reservations.**

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

Sponsor A Shabbat

Help make Shabbos extra special for our kids by sponsoring a Shabbat. Contact Edina Silver at esultanik@yahoo.com to learn more.

The LSS Math Circle

The LSS Math Circle is dedicated to expanding, deepening, and disseminating mathematical knowledge. It is a place to learn mathematics and meet others with like interests. Open to children 4th grade and up, it meets from 6-8pm on Mondays. The next session is on 10/28. Contact Harvey Stein (hjstein@gmail.com) for details.

Please Note:

For safety reasons, please park **all baby carriages** in the first floor lobby beneath the rear window, and NOT in the carpeted sanctuary lobby where they have been in the past. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Motza'ei Shabbat, November 2

Tween Movie Night at LSS for 5th-8th graders. • 7:15pm • We'll be showing a movie and pizza and refreshments will be served. *The cost is \$10.*

Sunday, November 3

Screening of *Srugim*, Season 3. Episodes 7, 8, and 9. 7:00pm. \$10 per showing. The other screening dates for *Srugim*, Season 3 are Nov. 17 and Nov. 24

Monday, November 4

Beginners Schmooze • 8:15pm-9:30pm • See *Beginners Announcements* for details.

Friday Night, November 8

Tween Oneg • 7:00pm • The Buller home. Open to 5th-8th graders. Please RSVP to avi@lss.org

Saturday, Motza'ei Shabbat, November 9

Film Screening "Torn" • 7:00pm • \$10

Monday, November 11

BLISS Relationship Seminar led by **Rabbi Stephen Baars** • 7:30pm • Seven session relationship workshop • *The first class is free, the entire seven week series is \$127.*

Tuesday, November 12

Rabbi Shalom Hammer will share his inspirational story of how his having served under the Rabbinate of the IDF changed his life. He will share the most vital criteria for serving in the Israeli army and how ignoring these fundamentals could compromise the physical and spiritual strength of the Jewish nation. • 7:00pm • \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door, percentage of proceeds go to the IDF.

Friday, November 15

Oneg • 8:30pm • at the home of Bina Presser with **Mrs. Surale Rosen**, head of *Metivta*, the Advanced Gemara Program at Matan – The Sadie Rennert Women's Institute for Torah Studies. Title: "The Student Who 'Laughed' at Rabbi Yochanan"

Shabbat, November 16

AIPAC Director of Policy and Government Affairs, **Brad Gordon** will speak at Seudah Shlishit following Mincha.

Sunday, November 17

Chanukah Shiur by **Dr. Ben Elton**. • 9:30am • In celebration of the Global Day of Jewish Learning. *Details coming soon.*

Shabbat, November 22-23

Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton. See *Beginners Announcements* for details.

Monday, December 2

Beginners Chanukah Bash. See *Beginners Announcements* for details.

Shabbat, December 6 -7

Scholar-in-residence, Rabbinical Court Advocate, **Dr. Rachel Levmore**, who has specialized in cases of Iggun and Get-Refusal. Sponsored by **Chavie Kahn** and **Heshy Kofman** in commemoration of the 21st yahrtzeit of Chavie's father, **Rabbi Solomon Kahn, z"l.**

Saturday, Motza'ei Shabbat, December 7

Inaugural Jewish Music and Cantorial Concert featuring our new Chazzan **Yanky Lemmer** with **Senior Chazzan Sherwood Goffin** and **Cantor Netanel Hershtik** • 8:00pm • Reception by Prime Catering to follow. \$100 & \$50. \$500 Sponsorship includes two premium reserved seats. LSS is partnering with [Israel Bonds](#) to offer one complimentary concert ticket to the first 50 purchasers of a new Israel Bond online after October 16, with a minimum purchase of \$54. **Only 30 complimentary tickets remain.**

Tuesday, December 10

Gesher Event. Gesher closes the gap between secular and religious Jews in Israel, and promotes our shared heritage as the force which can hold us together. To learn more, visit <http://www.gesherusa.org>.

More Details to Follow

Saturday, Motza'ei Shabbat, December 14

Book Club Meeting led by **David Stone**. • 7:30pm • The book club will be discussing *Like Dreamers: The Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation* by **Yossi Klein Halevi**

Check out our website at lss.org for more information or to register for these events.

Now Hear This...

In observance of Veterans Day, LSS will be publishing the names of our members who served in the armed forces of the United States, including Reserve and National Guard. If you qualify and have not previously provided your name and branch of service please send them to madeline@lss.org. We want to have an accurate and complete list and will appreciate your cooperation.

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 rabbi@lss.org

In case of a bereavement, please call 646-543-7485 (day or night)

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BY MORRIS A SHAMAH, MD

Love, Marriage, and Children

In Bereshit 2-24 is written: *"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and cling to his wife and they shall be as one flesh."*

Quite a clear statement about what a marriage should be. Yes, they shall be as one flesh. One unit, one team of parents, one eternal loving couple, clinging to each other. Yes, one set of parents, one book of instructions to their children, one guidebook to navigating life's travails, one set of messages to their kids.

But as we read today's parasha-such is not the example set for us by Isaac and Rebecca; A match made by parents, an instant marriage, with no evident courtship, and a household established to replace Isaac's deceased mother. But one must note that after the marriage "he loved her" or, as the word "love" is used in the Humash, one might say that he was "faithful" to her.

Rivkah is barren, so Isaac successfully prays for her to bear. Abimelech, the Philistine king, spies them upon as they enjoy marital intimacies. They seem like a real loving couple. But read what follows.

The Torah tells us of the troubles. First, is written, "and Isaac loved Esau...and Rebecca loves Jacob". Next we read the episode in which Jacob pretends to be his brother Esau, deliberately fooling and lying to his father. A plot that was hatched by Rivkah, encouraged by her, and enabled by her. **A PLOT TO DECEIVE HER BLIND HUSBAND. And the deceit works only because of his blindness.**

And again, we see what are surely not the actions of a unified parental body; Rebecca learns of Esau's plans to slay his brother Jacob and urges her favorite to flee to Haran, to her brother Laban to avoid Esau's vengeance. But, as we see in 27:26, she comes up with another lie suggesting that Isaac should urge Jacob to seek a wife in Laban's town, so that he be spared the risk of marrying a local. Never does Rebecca mention the true reason for her wanting Jacob to flee.

Several medieval parshanim (commentators), and many moderns find multiple references in Torah to God's punishment of Jacob for his deception of his father, and perhaps also for his method of acquiring the birthright. But what about Rebecca? Nothing, not a word castigating her, not a hint of her misdoings, not a single allusion in other texts to her actions. Her death is not recorded, and her burial beside her husband in *Me'arath hamachpelah* is **a tradition not attested to in the Bible**

We **must** learn lessons from the above. First of course, favoritism of one child is an absolute no-no.

But much more. A couple must cling one to another, must be one flesh, and must present a unified picture to their children. A couple must discuss, share ideas, join together as one, compromise, and be one **GUIDE to their children**, unlike the situation we see in Isaac's household. Yes, physical intimacy and mutual contentment is commanded, but running a positive family is intimate time after time in the Bereshit narratives, intimate by the omission of sensible family behavior.

In today's world of matchmaking and shiduchim (bazraa in Arabic) what chance does the young couple have to learn how to relate to the opposite gender? In the Orthodox world, where weddings and receptions often have men and women separated, where texting replaces talking, where dating is dated, in this world, what chance do the opposite sexes get to learn how to converse, how to relate to and how to consider the other? Add to this non-coed classes and even non-coed schools, then what can become of a marriage?

I submit that perhaps Isaac, not Abraham servant, should have made the trip to find himself a life partners. Who knows? Perhaps then he could have met with Rebecca, they could have "dated" and related one to the other, and then decided to marry. Such courtship may have better prepared them to work together and to communicate as a parenting team rather than a mother and father with different messages for their children.