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PARSHAT VAYESHEV • 20 KISLEV 5774 • NOVEMBER 22-23, 2013
CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:15PM

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

Friday Evening

- 4:15pm:** Candle Lighting
- 4:20pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary
- 6:15pm:** The Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton Dinner in rooms 208-210

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 During Kiddush: Shiur by **Ms. Ilana Gadish**.
- 9:15am:** Beginners Service in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:16am:** Latest Shema
- 9:30am:** Youth Breakfast
- 9:45am:** Teen Minyan in Room 210 followed by Kiddush
- 9:45am:** Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Drasha by **Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain**
- 12:30pm:** The Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton lunch in rooms 206-207

Shabbat Afternoon

- 2:50pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 3:00pm:** Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
- 3:20pm:** Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 3:20pm:** Talmud Class with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**
- 4:05pm:** Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 5:15pm:** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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



Chanukah Dinner 5774
Friday, November 29 at 5:30 pm

Please join us for a festive evening including a delicious seated dinner and engaging discussion

\$50/adult, \$25/child (\$140 household max)
\$180 sponsorship (includes 2 seats)

Register at: lss.org/chanukah-dinner

Lincoln Square Synagogue
180 Amsterdam Avenue, NYC

CHANUKAH AT LSS

You are invited to join us every night of Chanukah between Mincha and Ma'ariv for the Menorah Lighting in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Main Sanctuary.

See the Menorah Light Times
and Chanukah FAQs on Page 2



Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Alisa Adler-Landau, Ronnie Landau, Stuart Adler, and Gary Adler** in commemoration of the 11th yahrtzeit of **Rhoda Adler, a"h**; 7th yahrtzeit of **Richard Adler, z"l**, and the first yahrtzeit of **Ferdinand Landau, z"l**; and by **Steve Kay Kupietsky** in honor of his father, **Jonah Kupietzky's, 79th birthday**.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored **Ruth Cogan** in celebration of **Max's Bar Mitzvah** and the birth of her new great-grandchild; and Co-Sponsored by **Estelle Schutzman** on the occasion of the Yahrtzeit of her husband, **Arthur Schutzman, z"l**; and by **Libby Peppersberg** in loving memory of her father **Irving Peppersburg, z"l**, on the occasion of his 22nd yahrtzeit.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Chaviva Warner** in honor of the birth of **Rabbi Buchwald's** new granddaughter.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Bernard and Ilana Kabak** to mark the completion of shloshim for Bernard's late brother, **Nachman Mordechai ben Shmuel Eliezer, z"l**.

Welcome to our new Finance Manager, **Devora Movtady**.
You can e-mail Devora at Devora@lss.org

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Naomi and Jesse Cogan** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Max**. Mazal Tov also to Max's sister, **Riva**, and **Grandma Ruth Cogan**.
- Mazel Tov to **Ruth Cogan** on the birth of a great-grandson. Mazal Tov also to **Aunt and Uncle Naomi and Jesse Cogan**.
- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Ephraim and Aidel Buchwald** on the birth of a daughter to **Ayelet and Gavriel Berger**.

Weekday Prayer Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 24 - Friday, Nov. 29

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thursday at 4:15 pm

**See the Chanukah Menorah Lighting Times on page 2

Sun	Mon	Tues & Wed	Thurs	Fri
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:40am

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 • 10:30am
- Introduction to Bible
Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30pm-8:00pm. See Beginners Announcements
- Chanukah Class
Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain • 7:15pm
Chanukah: Religious Maximalism or its (Dis)contents?
- 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**.

***Please Note that Wednesday and Thursday Classes
will Not Meet This Week Due to Chanukah and
Thanksgiving***

Beginners Announcements

- Welcome to all those joining us for the **Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**.
- Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible** will meet this **Tuesday, November 26th, 6:30-8:00pm**. This course, which meets for **1 more week** 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.
- 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.

This Week's Shabbat Echod is Sponsored by:

The Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance

The 8th International JOFA Conference will be held on Dec. 7-8 at John Jay College in NYC

Be inspired by the 40+ sessions, including lectures, workshops, films, music and poetry performances, and networking opportunities, with special tracks for teens and educators!

See the full schedule at jofa2013.sched.org.



Men and women of all ages welcome!

Register at www.jofa.org
or by calling **(212) 679-8500**

CHANUKAH AT LSS (cont.)

Earliest Time to Light the Chanukah Menorah:

Wed., Nov. 27 (First night): **5:02pm**

Thurs., Nov. 28 (Second Night): **5:02pm**

Fri., Nov. 29 (Third Night): **4:10** (*Shabbat Candle lighting is at 4:12pm*)

Sat., Nov. 30 (Fourth Night): **5:12pm**

Sun., Dec. 1 (Fifth Night): **5:01pm**

Mon., Dec. 2 (Sixth Night): **5:01pm**

Tue., Dec. 3 (Seventh Night): **5:01pm**

Wed., Dec. 4 (Eighth Night): **5:00pm**



Shabbat Chanukah FAQs:

Question: Do we light Chanukah candles first or Shabbat candles first?

Answer: We light Chanukah candles first, making sure that there is enough oil or a large/long enough candle to burn for 30 minutes after nightfall. (Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 679)

Question: Do we light Chanukah candles first or Havdalah candles first?

Answer: At shul, we light Chanukah candles first, but opinions differ as to what to do at home. Rabbi Yosef Karo says to perform havdalah first, while Rabbi Moshe Isserles says to light *Chanukah candles first. The Mishnah Berurah writes that either way is correct, and one should follow family or local custom. (Shulchan Aruch O.C. 681:2)

*If one has not davened Ma'ariv, one should recite Baruch Ha-Mavdil bein kodesh l'chol before lighting Chanukah candles.

Question: What is one major difference between Chanukah candles and Shabbat candles?

Answer: Shabbat candles are meant to be used for their light, while Chanukah candles may not be used for such personal benefit.

For More Chanukah FAQs, visit Rabbi Robinson's blog at lss.org

Upcoming Events

Tov B'Yachad Thanksgiving Food Packaging Project

Sunday, November 24 • 10:00-11:30am

Join UJA-Federation of New York to prepare food packages and holiday cards for low-income seniors and families at the Washington Heights Y at 54 Nagle Avenue.

Final Screening of *Srugim*, Season 3. Ep. 13, 14, & 15

Sunday, November 24 • 7:00pm • \$10

BLISS Relationship Seminar

Monday, November 25 • 7:30pm

Led by **Rabbi Stephen Baars** • Seven session entertaining relationship workshop • *The entire seven week series is \$127.*



Chanukah Dinner

Friday, November 29 • 5:30pm

Festive evening including a delicious seated dinner and engaging discussion. \$50/adult, \$25/child (\$140 household max) \$180 Sponsorship (includes 2 seats).



Beginners Chanukah Bash.

Monday, December 2 • See *Beginners Announcements*

Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Rachel Levmore

Shabbat, December 6 -7

Rabbinical Court Advocate, who has specialized in cases of Iggun and Get-Refusal. Dr. Levmore will be giving three talks throughout Shabbat related to the theme of *Judging the Judges: Israeli Rabbinical Courts, Changing the Courts, and Women Appointed Rabbinical Court Judges in Israel.* (Co-Sponsored by **Chavie Kahn** and **Heshy Kofman** in commemoration of the 21st yahrtzeit of Chavie's father, **Rabbi Solomon Kahn, z"l.**)



Inaugural Jewish Music and Cantorial Concert

Saturday, Motza'ei Shabbat, December 7 • 8:00pm

Featuring our new Chazzan **Yanky Lemmer** with **Senior Chazzan Sherwood Goffin** and **Cantor Netanel Herstik** • 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 10 complimentary tickets remain.**



Book Club Meeting

Saturday, Motza'ei Shabbat, December 14 • 7:30pm

Led by **David Stone**. • The book club will be discussing *Like Dreamers: The Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation* by **Yossi Klein Halevi**.

****Meet the author at our Book Talk on Dec. 25th. See**

Below for details

Asarah B'Tevet Food Drive

Sunday, December 15

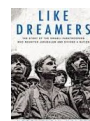


Collecting food between Shacharit and Mincha (4:15pm). Use the money you save on not eating meals to help the hungry: Jewish homeless at Project ORE and all hungry at our local food pantry.

Book Talk with Yossi Klein Halevi

Wednesday, December 25 • 10:00-11:00am

Free • *Like Dreamers: The Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*



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

Youth Announcements

Sponsor A Shabbat

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

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
Teen Minyan: 9:45 am— room 210



Upcoming Youth events:

- **Chanukah Event: Oil Pressing** - Sunday Morning November 24, 2013. Room 206/207 (Open to all ages)
- **Firehouse Visit**- Friday, November 29 at 10:00am. Visit our neighborhood firehouse and give thanks to our local firefighters. Meet in shul lobby.
- **Simcha Dancing** - Sunday Morning February 2, 2014 (for girls 5th grade & up)

Calling All Outstanding Balances!

The calendar year is coming to a close, and many of our congregants still have outstanding bills. Please pay your dues and/or any other outstanding pledges now. Mail a check, call the office to pay by credit card, or pay online at lss.org/payment

Welcome to the newest members of our LSS Community

Mr. Ezra Elzweig

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Lauren Flaks

Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Anita Liss

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

If you would like to receive the Shabbat Echod by e-mail, sign up at www.lss.org.

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BY MARK HUS

The first few words of this week's Torah reading suggest that the dramatic episodes of Yaakov's life are behind him as he settles down in the land of his forefathers. After his adventures of the preceding decades, which began when he tricked his father into giving him the blessing intended for Eisav, and continued through his having to contend with his father-in-law, Lavan's, chicanery, and climaxed with his re-encountering his brother, he can finally relax and enjoy life as the prosperous father of thirteen.

Sadly, as a result of his not learning a lesson from his own youth, this does not happen. Yaakov, who knew that his brother had been favored by their father, shows openly that he loves Yosef more than his other sons. As a result of this behavior (which certainly exacerbates other factors which Yaakov chooses not to address), the brothers form cliques. Leah's sons and Yosef do not associate much with one another. Yosef, instead, hangs out with Bilhah's and Zilpah's sons. (The fact that they are identified by the Torah as the sons of their respective mothers underscores some of the problems they are facing, but not attempting to resolve.) And, not surprisingly, the more Yosef shows his awareness of his status as favorite son and acts the part, the less liked he is by his siblings.

As opposed to the situation in the preceding two generations, where Sarah instructed Avraham about how to protect Yitzchak, and Rivka looked out for Yaakov, there is no mention of any involvement by the mothers of Yaakov's children in their upbringing once the family arrives in Canaan. (Rachel had died, and unlike Devorah, [see *Rabbi Michael Levy's d'var Torah of last week*,] Rivka's wet-nurse, there is no mention of the deaths of Rivka, Leah, Zilpah or Bilhah, except when Yaakov tells his sons on his deathbed (in Vayechi) to bury him alongside Leah in the same plot as both of his parents are interred.) In fact, subsequent to Rachel's death, there is no direct mention of any woman in Yaakov's life anywhere in the text.

The unchecked and mounting animus between Yosef and his siblings leads to disastrous consequences when the brothers, who have grown to hate Yosef enough to want to kill him, sell him into slavery. Interestingly, there initially appears to be a unity of purpose among the ten brothers who are involved in getting him out of their lives. They decide, as one, to take action against him. Once the gravity of the decision to kill him (not unlike their uncle Eisav who had considered killing Yaakov for having usurped their father's blessing?) is fully considered, Reuven, and then Yehudah, takes steps to prevent the commission of a capital crime.

One can only imagine what life was like in Yaakov's house when the brothers return and tell their father that Yosef has died. They watch as their father grieves inconsolably for years. All the while, they carry the truth about Yosef, but cannot tell it, because of their involvement in the crime. That burden has an effect on each of them, as is obvious when they talk amongst themselves in Egypt. It is no wonder that Yehudah leaves the family homestead and goes off on his own soon after they return.

Interestingly, from the moment that Yehudah assumes leadership with regard to what to do with Yosef, he and Yosef -- destined to confront each other in a palace in Egypt many years later -- mature and grow as men so that when they are ultimately required to assume leadership roles, they are both up to the task.

This morning, we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Max Cogan. Max has already shown his maturity to all of us at LSS. When Max is in shul, we can all hear him singing along -- because his voice can be heard over everyone else's. Max is a great son, grandson, brother, nephew, cousin and friend -- and his parents (and everyone who knows him) are very proud of him, as we all should be. May Max continue to be a source of nachas to his family, his friends, his community, all of k'lal Yisrael and all humanity.

Shabbat shalom, mazal tov, mazal tov and happy Chanukanksgiving.