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PARSHAT VAYETZEI • 6 KISLEV 5774 • NOVEMBER 8-9, 2013 CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:27PM Shaul Robinson Rabbi Sherwood Goffin Senior Cantor Yanky Lemmer

Cantor Elana Stein Hain Community Scholar Lloyd Epstein

President

Ben Keil Executive Director

Friday Evening

4:27pm: Candle Lighting

4:35pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen

Main Sanctuary

7:00pm: Tween Oneg at the Goldsmith-Buller Residence. Join the Tween

participants and staff for a lively Oneg at the Goldsmith-Buller

home.

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.

Drasha by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. During Kiddush: Shiur by Community Scholar Elana Stein Hain: "Yaakov's Monument-al

Moments"

9:06am: Latest Shema

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

Shabbat Afternoon

3:00pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Bel-

fer Beit Midrash

3:00pm: Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.

(PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME)

3:30pm: Talmud Class with Rabbi Eitan Bendavid: Tractate Kiddushin-

"What Does it Mean That a Woman is Acquired in Marriage: A

Historical Perspective"

3:30pm: Bible Class in room 211 with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald

4:15pm: Mincha

5:26pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends7:00pm: Film Screening: TORN

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

<u>Weekday Prayer Schedule</u> <u>Sunday, Nov. 10 - Friday, Nov. 15</u>

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thursday at 4:25 pm

<u>Sun</u>	Mon & Thur	Tues, Wed, & Fri
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 **Abe and Sheryn Weishaus** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Abe's mother, **Claire Weishaus**, a"h; and by **Susan and Avery Neumark** celebrating Avery's Bar Mitzvah anniversary.

Main Kiddush

Co-Sponsored by Hannah and Paul Freilich in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Hannah's mother, Mrs. Mala Holmes, a"h; by Rabbi Charlie Savenor and Julie Walpert in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Charlie's father, Joseph Savenor, z"l; and by Chuck Pollack in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, Aryeh Leib Pollack, z"l.

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored anonymously in loving memory of **Shmuel Shoshani z"I**, and in honor of **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Isadore Century** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, **Sam Century**, **z"I.**

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to grandparents Chaz and Batya Goffin on the birth of a baby girl, Miriam, to their children Rabbi and Mrs. Uri Goffin in Baltimore. Mazal Tov to siblings Binyamin, Chaya, Aliza, Asher Yosef, and Shmuel.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents Mary and Maish Shalit on the birth of a baby girl, Goldie, to their children Rebekah and Ilan. Mazal Tov to siblings Rafi and Steve.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi Heshy and Lanette Dachs on their 30th wedding anniversary.



Take Part in the Mitzvah of Bikur Cholim

Every Shabbat, a group of volunteers leave from in front of LSS and head to Roosevelt Hospital to visit the sick. This chesed opportunity is open to all and there is no commitment necessary. If you have not taken part yet, please consider doing so. *Please note the new meeting time of* **3:00pm**, *starting this Shabbat*.

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" Series Finale Guest Speaker: Rabbi
 Shalom Hammer 7:00pm \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. (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.

WEDNESDAY

- Nach b'Iyun: Shofetim
 Rabbi Hayyim Angel 7:15-8:15pm Sefer Shofetim. The shiur is free.
 To sponsor a shiur in this series, please contact <u>Sandy@lss.org.</u>
- 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 #6: "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

- 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 1 more week, and are free and open to all. Register at www.beginners.lss.org.
- The FINAL session of the Jewish Living Workshop led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will be this Tuesday, November 12th, 8pm. The workshop is free; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com. Topic: Chanukah
- 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— Ballroom

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.

Upcoming Youth events:

- Chanukah Event: Oil Pressing -Sunday Morning November 24, 2013 (all ages)
- Simcha Dancing Sunday Morning February 2, 2014 (for girls 5th grade & up)

LSS Security: New CSS 2-session LSV course starts next week. 3-month Cadet course starts soon. We need you. Please contact Harvey Stein immediately: security@lss.org

Upcoming Events

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 ad-

vance/\$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 Institue 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

<u>9:30am-</u> Chanukah Shiur by **Dr. Ben Elton** to mark the Global Day of Jewish Learning: 'When Ashkenaz Came to Sepharad: The Rosh in Toledo' • Details coming soon.

<u>7:00pm-</u> Screening of *Srugim*, Season 3. Episodes 10, 11, and 12. \$10 per showing. The other screening date for *Srugim*, Season 3 is Nov. 24

Thursday, November 21

Jewish Museum Tour • 5:30pm • Space is limited to 20 persons.

Shabbat, November 22-23

Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton. See Beginners Announcements for details.

Sunday, November 24

In celebration of Chanukah, the Youth Department will have Oil Pressing. • 10:00am • Room 206/207 • Children of all ages welcome! \$10/child, \$25 family maximum.

Friday, November 29

Chaunukah Dinner • 6:30pm • More Details Coming Soon



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**"**I.**

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 re-

served seats. LSS is partnering with <u>Israel Bonds</u> 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 <u>Like Dreamers</u>: The Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation by **Yossi Klein Halevi**

Sunday, December 15

Aseret B'Tevet Food Drive • Collecting 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.

Check out our website at Iss.org for more information or to register for these 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 rabbi@lss.org

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

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d'var echod b'lev echod

Insights into the weekly Parsha and other matters at the heart of the LSS community

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BY ARI KLAPHOLZ

Alone, afraid, anxious, and uncertain about the future, *Yaakov* leaves the comforts of home with the voice of his mother echoing in his head that he will stay with *Lavan "yamim achadim,"* a few days. Of course, as we know, that couldn't have been further from the truth. His diaspora begins, and in a sense, so does ours. We are still living in *yamim achadim*. To allay his fears, G-d, on the grounds of the future *Beit Hamikdash*, appears to *Yaakov* in a dream and promises him, like his forefathers, that the land will be inherited by his children, his children will be numerous and the catalyst for universal blessings, and that he will watch over him. Curiously, the mode of transmission of this promise is through a dream, unlike his father and grandfather where the words "*va-yerah*" (to *Yitzchak*) or "*va-yomer*" (to *Avraham*) are used as the point of contact for their covenantal promises. Why the difference? Secondly, and most poignantly, *Yaakov* makes an oath that *if* G-d protects and provides for him and restores him back to his father's house, he will tithe his acquisitions in return to G-d. There appears to be an insecurity embedded in this quid pro quo condition. Why the insecurity on *Yaakov's* part when he has just received a heavenly guarantee that his future will be secure?

There is overwhelming evidence that sleep and particularly dream sleep, REM sleep, is critically important for processing emotionally charged memories, particularly emotionally negative experiences. Sleep not only consolidates these memories but may also transform them in ways rendering them more useful and adaptive in the long term. Memory traces are restructured so that future insights can be made, inferences can be drawn, and flexibility implemented to gain an advantage when faced with difficult future experiences. Dreams become composite stories made up of multiple fragments of imagery from the present and past and assist in embedding leaves upon leaves of memories into a coherent whole. I believe Yaakov is going through this process as a siman, a sign, for the rest of Jewish historical development in the diaspora. The trauma of his personal diaspora, through the power of dream, is converted into a promise that will remain eternal for the Jewish people and part of their collective memory. In addition to the long term promises, Yaakov makes requests for the purpose of chayeh sha'ah – for his day to day needs -- by requesting the personal intervention of G-d for daily protection and sustenance while away from home. If he is to survive the diaspora, he cannot rely on his own merits but will need the daily hashgacha pratit. Has this not been the dialectic of Jewish existence in the diaspora? Neverending hope and faith in the future on the one hand, and daily insecurities from unforeseen forces on the other where we simply beseech "lechem le'echol u-begged lilbosh" (28:20)- bread to eat and clothes to wear, so that we can return in peace to the house of our father- "ve-shavti b'sholom el beit avi" (28:21).

In mesechet Brachot in the discussion about the significance of dreams (55b) we learn: "Kol ha-chalomot holchin achar ha-peh"- all dreams follow the mouth. This is to say, the impact or meaning of a dream depends upon the interpretation given to it by the dreamer or the interpreter. One's fate is rooted in a potential that can be actuated in different directions depending on the bent of the dreamer. Yaakov knew all too well that to make his dreams come true he would need to be, as we need to be, both the receiver and the perpetuator of his own destiny.

Shabbat Shalom