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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 4:17pm: Candle Lighting
- 4:20pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
- 4:20pm: Sephardi Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Morning

- 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 Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**
- 9:14am: Latest Shema
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 2:45pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 3:15pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Jesse Horn**: *"Dealing with the Irrational: Yaakov's Interaction with Lavan"*
- 3:15pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 4:00pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit. Seudah Shlishit speaker: **Rabbi Jesse Horn**
- 5:17pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

YOUTH GROUPS

Groups Start at 10am
Pre-K: Room 208/210

K-1 Room 211

2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

Youth Breakfast
@ 9:30am in room 208/210

MAZAL TOV

- Mazel Tov to **Sam Cappell** upon his forthcoming marriage to **Leora Silber**, daughter of **Jonathan and Elana Silber** from Teaneck, New Jersey. Mazel Tov to Sam's parents, **Ken and Marcie Cappell** and Sam's siblings, **Anna and Jamie** and to the entire Cappell/Silber families.
- Mazel tov to **Robert and Ruth Kirschner** on the birth of grand-daughter, **Michal**, to their children **Rami and Yifat** in Ashdod, Israel.
- Mazel tov to **Rabbi Yonatan Shai Freedman**, son of **Rabbi David and Helene Katz Freedman**, on receiving his *s'mikha* from the Israeli rabbinate.
- Mazel to **Shelley and Ruvan Cohen** on the engagement of **Jackie** to **Oren Charnoff**, son of **Debby and Sam Charnoff** of Potomac, Maryland

WELCOME TO RABBI JESSE HORN

Rabbi Jesse Horn is a Ra"m teaching Talmud ("Brisker" approach) and Tanakh at the Hakotel Hesder Yeshiva in Jerusalem and lectures widely. He has a B.A. in Judaic Studies and M.A. in Jewish Education from Yeshiva University and Rabbinical degree from YU/RIETS.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by **Steve Kay Kupietzky** in honor of his father, **Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky's**, upcoming 81st Birthday, Ad Meah V'Esrim.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Marcie and Ken Cappell** in honor of the forthcoming marriage of their son, **Sam**, to **Leora Silber**, daughter of **Elana and Jonathan Silber** of Teaneck NJ.

Beginners Kiddush

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

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by the Silver family as a zchut for the refuah shelaima of **Chaim Daniel Baruch ben Rivka Breindl**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by the Beginners Mishnah class in appreciation of our teacher, **Moshe Sheinwexler**. His knowledge and dedication inspires us each week.

GREET SOMEONE NEW THIS SHABBAT

Let's make our shul an even more welcoming place. If you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself and say "Shabbat Shalom."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Professionals Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairings • Saturday Night, Nov. 21st at 7:30pm LSS Young Professionals presents a night of wine tasting & cheese pairing. **SOLD OUT!**

Siyum for the Shloshim of Eleanor Jakubovitz • Sunday, Nov. 22, at 10:30am There will be a siyum to mark the Shloshim of Eleanor Jakubovitz in the Belfer Beit Midrash organized by her family. All are welcome.

Ezrat Nashim—The Women's Section Across Time and Space • 15 W 16th St. (Between 5th and 6th Ave.) Presented by YU and JOFA.

Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/or3v9xr>

Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, November 25th, at 11:30am

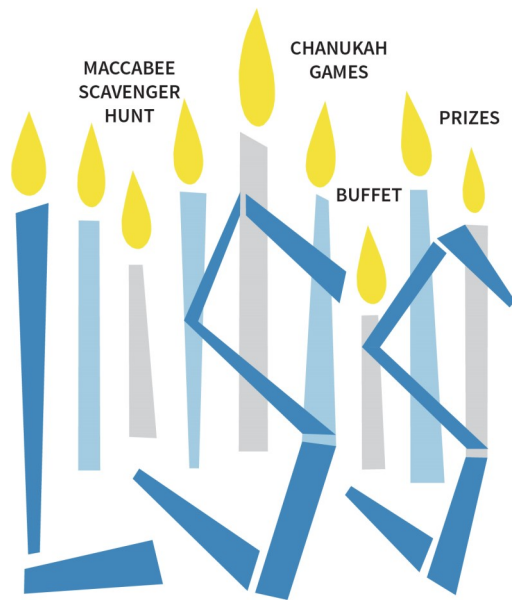
Join LSS member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to women in the LSS community.

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of November 22-27

Sun—Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 4:20pm

Late Ma'ariv Monday—Wed: 8:30pm

Sunday	Mon	Tues, Wed & Fri	Thurs (Thanksgiving)
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Shacharit: 7:00am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 7:45am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 8:30am



SAVE THE DATE

CHANUKAH DINNER
DECEMBER 11TH, 2015
5:45PM

LSS INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
 AS WE CELEBRATE CHANUKAH
 TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY
 AT OUR ANNUAL SHABBAT
 CHANUKA DINNER

VISIT WWW.LSS.ORG TO SIGN UP

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Goldin Family Update

The entire kehilla was moved by the words of Simha and Leah Goldin, parents of Hadar Goldi, last Shabbat. For those of you who were not present, Lieutenant Goldin was killed last year when Hamas violated a cease-fire. His body was dragged into a tunnel and is now being held hostage by Hamas. In a separate incident during the Gaza War, Hamas killed Staff Sgt. Oron Shaul and kidnapped his remains. Following the talk by the Goldins, many people approached them and asked how we can help. The Goldins are very grateful for the show of support. The situation is very complicated. At a very high level, the Goldins would like to mobilize American and world opinion to pressure Hamas to release the bodies on humanitarian grounds. There is no consideration of a Gilad Shalit type of exchange. We have started discussions with friendly organizations and government officials. We will be sure to let the kehilla know how we can help once a strategy is put into place.

For now, please keep Hadar and Oron in your thoughts and prayers. Here is the text of the tefilah for the return of the remains of the soldiers that has been approved by the Israeli Rabbinate and which was recited by Rabbi Robinson this past Shabbat:

אב הרחמים שוכן מרומים ברחמי העצומים, הוא יפקוד ברחמים את החיילים הקדושים והטהורים הדר בן שמחה וחדווה לאה ואורון בן הרצל וזהבה, שמסרו נפשם על קדושת השם. מנשרים קלו ומאריות גברו לעשות רצון קונם וחפץ צורם בעוז ובענוה.

יזכרם אלוהינו לטובה עם שאר צדיקי עולם, יביאם לקבר ישראל, ככתוב ואל עמו תביאנו, וינוחו בשלום על משכבם ונאמר אמן



Lieutenant Goldin



Staff Sgt. Shaul

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible** will meet for another **2 weeks**, from **6:30-8:00pm**.
- The **NEXT** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, November 23rd** at **6:30pm** and continue for **1 more week**. The class meets for **1 1/2 hours**, and is free and open to all.
- **Save the date! Friday and Saturday, December 4th-5th** for the **Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**. \$50 includes three meals (please note new price). We will also be celebrating the actual 40th anniversary of the Beginners Service at the Shabbaton luncheon. Don't miss it! Payment and reservations must be received by **Monday, November 30th**. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date! Wednesday, December 9th, 7:00 pm** for the **Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash**. Live music by Psachya Septimus. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door (Please note new prices). Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Sorry, no phone reservations.

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.

SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you
were in
Shul this

past Shabbat you may have heard our rabbis speak about the importance of joining the Lincoln Square Synagogue security team in coordination with the Community Security Service (<http://thecss.org/>).

Rabbi Rosenfeld served in the IDF. He gets it!
Rabbi Robinson was trained here by CSS and also served in the UK equivalent organization. He gets it!

Do you get it?

If you do, why not email me at security@lss.org? All you'll need to do is register, have an interview and complete 2 or 3 nights training after which if you believe in what we do you are welcome to join the team and protect our children, our community and our Jewish way of life.

The training is open to men and women above the age of 18. Please consider responding today, we need you!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Youth Events:



Family Havdalah Service—November 21 (TONIGHT)

Join us for a musical Havdalah led by Rabbi Weingarten and Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

Olive Oily Chanukah Event - Sunday, December 6, 12:30pm

Join us to make olive oil in honor of Chanukah. Early bird rate is \$12. Please RSVP at lss.org/youth

This week we say good bye to **Ariela Greenbaum** who has worked in the youth department as a counselor, and assistant youth director for 9 years! Ariela is best known for her fun games, wonderful Parsha stories, and her ability to connect in meaningful ways with the LSS youth. You will often see Ariela surrounded by a throng of girls, eager to share stories with her, or hear what she has to say. Ariela, we wish you Hatzlacha Rabah in your future endeavors and we will miss you greatly.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Coffee & Responsa w/ Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • After Second Minyan (9:15am)

- Journey through the fascinating and compelling world of rabbinic responsa literature, navigating the historical, sociological, and psychological nuances of the Halakhic process through study of a seminal responsum each week - all accompanied by a strong cup of delicious coffee or tea.

This week's Topic: *Shiur #3: R. Asher Weiss on LEDs, Sensors, Emerging Technology and Shabbat*

MONDAY

Invitation to Tefillah w/ Rabbinic Interns Rabbi Jared Anstandig & Rabbi Mark Weingarten • 7:30-8:15pm

- Each week, we explore, uncover, and understand a new aspect of the daily prayers, with the ultimate goal of making Tefillah a more intimate and meaningful experience.

TUESDAY

Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 10:30am

Intro to Bible w/ Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald • 6:30-8pm

Beit Midrash Night:

- Samuel Group Chabura facilitated by Ron Platzer • 7:30pm
Adultery, incest, rebellion -- the travails of David, the greatest Jewish king -- A great story, complex characters, a subtle, sophisticated text.
- Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings • 7:00 pm -
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robin Mitchnick (*Meets in a private residence, please call office for details*)

Rabbi Robinson now gives two Lunch and Learn Classes - on Monday in Midtown (5th and 52nd St) and on Wednesday near Wall Street - please speak to him for more details

Gemara B'Shana with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:15pm

- A new program dedicated to the memory of Bruce Ritholtz a"h with the ambitious goal of studying and completing an entire tractate of Talmud, focused on analysis and group discussion. This year we will be studying tractate Ta'anit.

WEDNESDAY

Melachim & Modern Tanakh Methodology & Controversies Lecture Series • R. Nathaniel Helfgot • 7:30pm (Not meeting next week. Class will resume on Dec. 2nd)

- Join leading scholars and educators for mini-semester, 8-week courses on a variety of subjects from modern Tanakh methodology to medical ethics.

Full series \$150, One Class \$20. Sign up at lss.org/classes

Talmudic Logic with Rabbi Dennis Weiss • 7:30pm

- An in-depth look at a single Talmudic subject matter, starting from the relevant biblical texts and delving into the logic system of the Gemara. This year's Topic: **"Double Jeopardy: A Study of Kim Lei B'd'raba Minei"** (NOT MEETING NOV 23rd)

Beit Midrash Night • 8:40pm

- Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky. The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai: We continue to analyze the Israeli poet's final masterpiece, Patuach Sagur Patuach.

THURSDAY

Parsha Class with Rabbi Shaul Robinson • 7:30pm (NOT MEETING NOV 24th)

- Join Rabbi Shaul Robinson for an exciting and timely look at the weekly portion utilizing contemporary and ancient commentators to uncover new depth in Torah study

Cholent Chabura with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 8:45pm

- Welcome Shabbat early and explore a challenging new topic in Jewish thought each week in this informal and friendly gathering. Chabura meets in a private residence. Please contact office for location. (NOT MEETING NOV 24th)



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

9 Kislev 5776 • November 20-21, 2015

Parshat Vayetzei

By: Rabbi Jay M. Stein

After being denied an exit visa to Israel on the grounds of national security in 1973, Anatoly Sharansky became an activist. On March 1977, he was arrested, and in July 1978 convicted on charges of treason and spying for the United States, and sentenced to 13 years of forced labor. After 16 months of incarceration in Lefortovo prison, he was sent to Perm 35, a Siberian labor camp.

Long before he was sent to prison, long before he would eventually make his way to Israel, he was already free. As he wrote in his book *Defending Identity*, "I destroyed my career prospects and many people began avoiding me. Despite the privations, the act of breaking out of the world of doublethink was a wildly liberating experience...From the moment I publicly said what I thought, I gained both freedom and purpose. By fighting for my own right to immigrate to Israel, I was fighting for a basic freedom, the freedom to choose where I live – and I was also fighting to deepen my connection to my people and my history. Simultaneously, a life of constant self-censorship had ended and a life enriched by identity had begun... Reconnecting to my own past was like drinking water after a long fast, I was filling a deep void."

Jacob, too, was a wanderer, finding himself somewhere between the conflict with Esau and the captivity of Lavan. Jacob takes off his pack and lies down and he slept and dreamed. The first dream is of a ladder with angels ascending and descending. It is pure fantasy whose symbolism is not lost on us. It is a metaphor of the aspiration of being connected to this world, while at the same time striving for new heights. That is precisely where Jacob finds himself. Contrary to the other dream Jacob has, this is not a dream of anxiety nor a dream that leaves Jacob injured. Rather, this dream propels Jacob forward to a life of holiness, a life of elevation, and a life of success. As he wakes, he recognizes the miraculous power of a good night's rest and he calls out Achen yaish adonai bemakom hazeh, v'anochi lo yadati... "Surely God is in this place and I had no idea." Mah Norah Ha Mokem hazeh, "What an incredible place this is." (Genesis 28:16-17)

Jacob falls in love and then is married – and then married again – and then he finds himself unable to extricate himself from his life's circumstance. The empowered Jacob slowly, almost imperceptibly, transforms into the trapped Jacob. He begins to look for a way out and dreams once more. He has no idea where his goals have gone. He has lost track of himself and now he dreams of commerce, sheep of color, and the next big deal to negotiate with his father-in-law. The rabbis offer us the most striking midrash, an angel coming to Jacob with an incredible wake-up call. K'var Higaah ha'eit... koom tzei min ha'aretz hazot v'shoov el eretz mo-ladicha... it is time to leave, it is time to go home. It is time to return to the land of your birth. It is time to be reborn. It is time to reconnect with who you once were.

The angel's message to Jacob is, "Once you dreamed of stairways leading to heaven. Now you dream of how to increase the number of sheep and goats you own. You have been corrupted by the values of Lavan's world. The time has come for you to leave this place and return to the Land." (Midrash Hagadol 31:13)

Then in the most beautiful language, the midrash concludes with Jacob's response, "I'kayaim v'shavti b'shalom el beit avi, I got up and without fanfare, without ceremony and without pageantry. I got up in peace and returned to my father's house."

This is not just Jacob's story. This is our narrative as well. Many of us have silenced a voice within, a voice that refuses to be quiet. Many have lost track of who we are because life happens.

Responsibilities to others override our responsibility to self. There were times we dreamed of who we would become but as time passed those dreams were transformed and, in fact, some even disappeared. Jacob teaches us that it doesn't have to be. You haven't yet arrived at your final resting place. There are more dreams to come and more ladders to climb. You can dust off the cobwebs that have grown on our childhood ambition, you can aim high and you can live energized again.

This Dvar Torah was written for Parshat Vayetzei in 2014 and reprinted for this year.