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PARSHAT VAYISHLACH • 13 KISLEV 5774 • NOVEMBER 15-16, 2013
CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:20PM

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Cantor
Elana Stein Hain
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Friday Evening

- 4:20pm:** Candle Lighting
4:25pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**
8:30pm: Oneg at the Home of **Bina Presser**. Featuring: *"The Student Who 'Laughed' at Rabbi Yochanan,"* a shiur by **Rabbanit Surale Rosen**, head of *Metivta*, the Advanced Gemara Program at Matan – The Sadie Rennert Women's Institute for Torah Studies. (*Open to men and women*)

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 **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by brief remarks by the Rosh Yeshivah of Hesder Yeshivah in Sderot, **Rabbi Dovid Fendel**. During Kiddush, talk by **Rabbi Dovid Fendel** and the Mayor of Sderot, **Alon Davidi**.
9:11am: 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. Drasha by **Rabbi Eitan Bendavid**.

Shabbat Afternoon

- 2:55pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
3:00pm: Bikur Cholim Meet in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
3:25pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
3:25pm: Talmud Class with **Rabbi Eitan Bendavid**.
4:10pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
AIPAC Director of Policy and Government Affairs, **Brad Gordon** will speak at Seudah Shlishit
5:20pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

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

Welcome to our Special Guests this Shabbat!

Rabbanit Surale Rosen is the director of the Advanced Talmud Program at *Metivta*- The Advanced Gemara Program at Matan– The Sadie Rennert Women's Institute for Torah Studies. She has a BA in English Literature and Talmud from Bar Ilan University and is a To'enet Rabbanit.

Rabbi Dovid Fendel is the Founder and current Rosh Yeshivah and founder of the Hesder Yeshivah in Sderot. He has semicha from the Rabbinat of Israel, as well as personal ordination from Rav Simcha Kook and Rav Zalmen Nechemiah Goldberg. He is also ordained as a dayan (rabbinical court judge).

Alon Davidi is the newly elected mayor of Sderot. In the recent municipal elections, Alon Davidi, unseated the incumbent mayor in a landslide 58% victory running against 14 other parties.

Brad Gordon is the AIPAC Director of Policy and Government Affairs. Ambassador Brad Gordon is AIPAC's chief lobbyist and is AIPAC's chief strategist on sanctions against Iran.

See the separate flyer for more detailed Bios and Pictures

Thank You To Our Kiddush Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **Rachel and Martin Balsam** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Martin's mother **Mollie Balsam, a"h.**; and by **Margy-Ruth Davis and family** in honor of Perry's new reduced fare metrocard.

Main Kiddush

Co-Sponsored by **Dorothea Krieger**, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her grandmother, **Dora Krieger, a"h**

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Chaviva Warner** as a Mazal Tov to **Dr. Leonard Davidman** on being elected President of the **New York State Psychological Association**.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsorship Welcome

Mazal Tov To Our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Shari and Joseph Sonnenberg** on the marriage of their granddaughter, **Naama Sonnenberg**, daughter of **Pinchas and Shoshana Sonnenberg**, to **Nosson Rosenbaum**, son of **Moshe and Bayla Rosenberg**.
- Mazal Tov to **Dr. Leonard Davidman** on being elected President of the **New York State Psychological Association**.

Thank you to our Finance Manager, **Sandy Yaghoubian** for a great 2 years at LSS. We wish you luck on all your future endeavors.

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

Weekday Prayer Schedule
Sunday, Nov. 17 - Friday, Nov. 22
Mincha/Ma'ariv: Sun-Thursday at 4:20 pm

Sun	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

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES with THE JOSEPH SHAPIRO INSTITUTE

SUNDAY

- Global Day of Jewish Learning Breakfast and Shiur
9:45am • See *Upcoming Events on page 3 for details*

MONDAY

- Hebrew Reading Crash Course, Level 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*
- Pre-Chanukah Shiur
Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld • 7:15pm
"...And we'll never be Royals": Separation of Shul and State, in the Light of Hanukkah
- 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 a shiur in this series, please contact ben@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 #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** will meet this **Tuesday, November 19th, 6:30-8:00pm**). This course, which meets for another **2 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.
- 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 **THIS 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.
- The final session of the Hebrew Reading Crash Courses Level II will be **THIS Monday, November 18th**, at 6:30 pm.

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 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. Room 206/207
(Open to all ages)
- Simcha Dancing** - Sunday Morning February 2, 2014 (for girls 5th grade & up)

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Upcoming Events


MDS Chanukah Boutique

Motza'ei Shabbat, November 16 • 8-11pm

50+ Vendors and a fun evening. There will be food, treats, entertainment for the kids, and an opportunity to purchase all your Chanukah gifts under one roof.

Global Day of Jewish Learning Breakfast and Shiur

Sunday, November 17 • 9:45am • With **Dr. Ben Elton**

 When Ashkenaz Came to Sepharad: The Rosh in Toledo' - How Torah Spread in the Medieval Period. (Sponsored by the Blank family in commemoration of the Sheloshim of Mr. Jakob Blank, z"l).

Screening of *Srugim*, Season 3. Ep. 10, 11, & 12

Sunday, November 17 • 7:00pm

\$10 • The final screening of *Srugim*, Season 3 will be Nov. 24

BLISS Relationship Seminar

Monday, November 18 • 7:30pm

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

Tribute to the American Soviet Jewry Movement

Wednesday, November 20 • 7:00pm

Join **Cantor Sherwood Goffin**, **Rabbi Avi Weiss** and others in former Prisoner of Zion **Rabbi Yosef Mendeleovich's** tribute to the American Soviet Jewry movement. • The Center for Jewish History, 15 W. 16th St. • For tickets, visit smorttix.com or call 212-868-4444.

Jewish Museum Tour

Thursday, November 21 • 5:30pm

Tour of the Jewish Museum's Chagall Exhibit. Limited to 20 persons.

Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton

Shabbat, November 22-23 • See *Beginners Announcements*

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.

Chanukah Dinner

Friday, November 29 • 5:30pm

Festive evening including a delicious seated dinner and engaging discussion. \$50/adult, \$25/child (\$140household 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 **Yanki Lemmer** with **Senior Chazzan Sherwood Goffin** and **Cantor Netanel Hershtik** • Reception by Prime Catering to follow. \$100 & \$50. \$500

Sponsorship includes two premium reserved seats. LSS is partnering with [Israel Bonds](http://IsraelBonds.com) 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 20 complimentary tickets remain.**

Gesher Event – Mock IDF training program

Tuesday, December 10 • 7:30pm

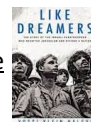
GESHER

Join **Yoni Sherizen**, Director of Resource and Program Development at *Gesher* for a Simulated IDF Officer Cadets Jewish Identity Training Program. *Gesher* bridges 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 www.gesherusa.org.

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**



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.

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

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

ISRAELUPDATE

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Palestinian youth stabs sleeping Israeli soldier to death

An Israeli soldier, 18-year-old Eden Atias of Nazareth Illit, died after he was stabbed multiple times in the neck by a Palestinian youth on a bus at the central bus station in Afula. Eyewitnesses said Atias was sleeping in his seat on the bus when he was attacked. "The bus stopped and people had stepped out," an eyewitness said. "A female soldier was left on the bus, along with the soldier [who was stabbed] and the terrorist. Suddenly the female soldier started screaming for help, she ran outside, she was shaking. The terrorist had stabbed the soldier, he was covered in blood." Atias enlisted only two weeks ago and was still in basic training. He was traveling to his base after a sick leave. The suspect is a 16-year-old Palestinian resident of Jenin who did not have a permit to work or reside in Israel, according to police.

November 15, 2013

Our synagogue partners with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at (202) 639-5200 or by visiting www.aipac.org.

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 RABBI MICHAEL LEVY

A Tribute to Caregivers

In these days of media saturation and instant connections, it sometimes seems, as Shakespeare put it, that the whole world is a stage. Everything must be dramatic. "What bleeds, leads," or "what yells, sells." The indiscretion of a celebrity grabs more headlines than the deaths of thousands of Syrians. Football hazings displace coverage of people just like us who are nevertheless homeless and hungry.

Among the casualties of our thrill-a-minute world are the caregivers, those to whom we of the "sandwich generation" entrust our growing children and our aging parents. It is therefore worthwhile to reflect on the life of Dvora, the "First Caregiver."

Dvora was Rivka's nurse, who journeyed with her from her parents' home to the home of her future husband Yitzchak. We know nothing else about Dvora, except that she died and was buried during Yaakov's return journey to his father Yitzchak (Genesis 35, 8). Some commentators wonder why this "minor tragedy" interrupts the narrative of Jacob's homeward journey, fraught with dramatic struggles with angels, confrontations with his brother Esau, the abduction of his daughter Dina, the death of his wife Rachel, the misbehavior of his first-born Reuben, and a number of divine revelations. The Midrash, taking us behind the scenes, reminds us of Dvora's significance.

When Rivka advised her son Jacob to flee from Esau's wrath, she had assured him that she would notify him when he could return home safely. Thirty-six years later, she sent Dvora, her nurse, to tell Yaakov that he could come home.

Why did Rivka select Dvora, a very old woman, to notify Yaakov? Was there not anyone else in her household whom she could trust with the mission?

The answer must be that through her work as a caregiver, Dvora had earned the trust of Rivka that went far beyond anything that others could offer. The job of a caregiver is not glamorous. Every day she performs the same tasks. Sometimes she may be roused in the middle of the night. She may be occupied with feeding, dressing, bathing, cooking and cleaning. Sometimes she is there during family crises and triumphs. She may not often be consulted about her own opinions. Her employers may forget that she, too, has needs. If her employers are wise, they will not take her love and loyalty for granted. Like Rivka, they will understand that she may be by far the most trustworthy individual in their household.

The commentators note that Yaakov learned of Rivka's death at about the time that Dvora passed away. This may not be a coincidence. Even though Rivka maintained a close relationship with her husband Yitzchak, she may have needed a woman friend as a companion and confidante. I am not an expert in matters of gender, but it seems that women, married or not, cherish and maintain friendships with female relatives and friends.

How did Rivka feel when her companion for perhaps eighty years needed to leave her for the first time? She herself may not have realized in advance the grief that she would undergo without her most trusted confidante at her side? The stress might have contributed to a deterioration in her own health-affirming, as it were, the connection between the death of Dvora and the death of Rivka.

May we learn to appreciate those who care for our loved ones.

Shabbat Shalom

VOLUNTEER AND CHESED OPPORTUNITIES – LSS NEEDS YOU!

Volunteer for LSS! Volunteers are needed to assist with computer work in the shul office with updating our database and preparing mailings. We also need creative individuals to help with designing promotional flyers and emails. Please call the office at 212-874-6100 or email info@lss.org.

Hospitality - Be a part of a warm enriching enhancement to your Shabbat experience. Visit lss.org/hospitality to explore how easily you can make a difference to others.

Tehillim Circle – Meets every Monday at 8:00 pm at the home of Karin Feldhamer. Tehillim are recited for the sick, for *shiduchim* and for the soldiers in Israel.

Tzedaka - 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 volunteers are needed to help protect our LSS family on Shabbat and holidays. To sign up or request information, email security@lss.org or speak to any volunteer. Security and safety are the responsibility of all shulgoers. Be aware of suspicious objects as you approach the shul and as you enter any room. Make it a habit to check under and near your seats when you sit down. And consider joining our security volunteers. Contact Harvey Stein (hjstein@gmail.com) for details.

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