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29 CHESHVAN 5775 • NOVEMBER 21-22, 2014
PARSHAT TOLDOT • SHABBAT MEVARCHIM
CANDLE LIGHTING: 4:21PM

Shaul Robinson
Rabbi
Sherwood Goffin
Senior Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Cantor
Lloyd Epstein
President
Ben Keil
Executive Director

Friday Evening

- 4:16pm:** Candle Lighting
- 4:20pm:** Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**

Shabbat Morning

- 7:45am:** Hashkama Minyanin the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Kiddush and shiur with **Rabbi Moshe Sokolow**
- 8:30am:** The Siddur In Depth with **Rabbi Ben Elton** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary: *blessing over light in Havdalah*
- 9:00am:** Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**
- 9:15am:** 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
- 2:45pm:** Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 3:00pm:** Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in front of LSS. New volunteers are needed.
- 3:15pm:** Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 3:15pm:** Louis Lazar Memorial Pre-Mincha Shiur led by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: "City of God": Understanding the Holiness of *Yerushalayim*
- 4:00pm:** Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 5:16pm:** Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

The molad for the month of Kislev will be Saturday morning 49 minutes and 17 chalakim after 9 AM. Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be on Sunday

****NEW MA'ARIV MINYAN MONDAYS-THURSDAYS AT 8:15PM!**
Beginning Monday, November 24th (Not meeting on Thanksgiving)

Weekday Prayer Schedule
Sunday, Nov 23rd - Friday, Nov 28th
Mincha/Ma'ariv: **Sun - Thurs at 4:20pm**
****Late Ma'ariv Mon - Wed: 8:15pm**

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

Mazal Tov to our Members

- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky** on the celebration of his 80th Birthday today.
- Mazal Tov to **Belda and Marcel Lindenbaum** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Moshe Tambor**, son of their children **Abigail and Shai Tambor**.
- Mazal Tov to **Phyllis and Stanley Getzler** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **JessieJean Newman-Getzler**, daughter of their children **Amanda Newman and Joshua Getzler**
- Mazal Tov to **Gail Rappaport and Matt Eilers** on the bat mitzvah of their daughter **Morgen Eilers**. Mazal tov to grandmother **Judith Rappaport**.
- Mazal Tov to **Marion and Maurice Spanbock** on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Thank you to our Sponsors

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by the Fund.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Gail Rappaport and Matt Eilers** in celebration of the bat mitzvah of their daughter, **Morgan**.

Beginners Service Kiddush

Sponsored by **Lou and Ilene Vynerib** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Lou's father, **Morris Vynerib, z"l**, and Ilene's mother, **Sylvia Friedman, a"h**, and in celebration of the birthday of their granddaughter, **Malka Sima Adler**.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Kiddush

Sponsored by **Edina and Ian Silver** in honor of Thanksgiving and family visiting from England.

Seudah Sh'lishit

Sponsored by **Vivien and Muk Eisenmann** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Muk's father, **Samuel Eisenman, z"l**.
Sponsored by **Gary Miller** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father, **Nathan Miller, z"l**.

SAVE THE DATE

Chanukah Dinner & Music Festival
Motza'ei Shabbat- December 20th, 2014



For more details and to sign up, visit lss.org/MusicFestival

מי ימלל גבורות ישראל

Welcome to the Newest Members of

Our LSS community

Dr. Gretchen and Mr. Benjamin Cann
Mr. and Mrs. David and Frank Kalish
Mr. and Mrs. Jared and Candice Orkin
Mr. Russel Siegel
Mr. and Mrs. BJ Rosen and Sara Turken

Youth Announcements - lss.org/youth

Math Circle is in session- Monday nights from 6-8pm in room 208. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Contact hjstein@gmail.com

Youth Groups Schedule

Pre-k: Room 206 at 10:00am

k-1: Room 207 at 10:00am

2-4 grade girls: Room 208- 10 am

2-4 grade boys: Room 210- 10 am

Youth Breakfast @ 9:30am in room 206



Upcoming Events - lss.org/events

- **Rally for an Agunah • Sunday, November 23rd • 11am • 75 West End Ave (63rd between West End & Riverside)**
Join us in protesting the get-refusal of Ephraim Ohana, who failed to issue his ex-wife an unconditional get for over 11 years.
- **Book Club Meeting: "Love and Treasure" by Ayelet Waldman • Monday, December 1st • 7:30pm**
Jack Wolkenfeld will be leading the discussion which will take place at the home of Gale and Jim Kaufman, 316 West 79th St.
- **Child Safety Class: Managing Emergencies • Wednesday, December 3rd • 7:30pm**
This class for parents and childcare providers will be led by Hatzalah veteran and LSS member Dr. James Nussbaum. We will learn CPR and other life saving techniques valuable for anyone who spends time with children. \$40/person.
- **Chanukah Dinner and Music Festival • Motza'ei Shabbat, December 20th**
Chanukah dinner at 7pm; Concert Followed by Dessert reception at 8:30pm
Featuring singer and songwriter **Eitan Katz**, LSS chazzan **Yanky Lemmer**, with guest appearance by LSS senior chazzan **Sherwood Goffin**. Dinner, Concert & Dessert: \$75; Dinner Only: \$38; Concert & Dessert Only: \$56; Children's Party with movie and magician: \$10, family \$25; Sponsorship packages available. *Sponsored by the UJA Federation of New York*
- **Film Screening: Hamorah Irena • Motza'ei Shabbat, January 3rd • 8:00pm**
In the toughest neighborhood in Jerusalem, where children quickly learn not to expect too much—stands one uncompromising third-grade Russian teacher. With rare empathy, determination and occasionally controversial teaching methods, *Hamorah Irena* refuses to let her students give up on themselves. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door



Sign up in advance for our events at lss.org/events

Beginners Announcements

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible (Began Tuesday, October 21st, 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.
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, November 24th, 2014 at 6:30pm**, and continue for **1 more week**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- The next sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet **Monday, November 24th, 2014 at 6:30pm**, and continue for **2 more weeks**. The classes meet for 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- The **FINAL** session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, November 24th, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. The Jewish Living Workshop, a 10 sessions series, is a "hands-on" experience. We learn by doing. The workshop is free, a few sessions will require a modest fee for materials; register at JLworkshop@yahoo.com or www.lss.org. **Topic: Chanukah.**
- Save the date! **Friday and Saturday, December 12th-13th** for the **Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**. \$40 includes three meals. Payment and reservations must be received by **Monday, December 8th**. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.
- Save the date! **Monday, December 22nd, 7:00 pm** for the **Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash**. Live music by Jerry Greenberg. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Sorry, no phone reservations.

Weekly Learning Opportunities

MONDAY

- [The Jewish Living Workshop](#) • 7:30-8:30pm
See flyer for more details
- [Mini-mester](#) with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** • 7:15pm
Shattered Vessels: Judaism's Encounter with the Post Modern. The class will meet Nov. 24th, Dec. 1st. & Dec. 8th

TUESDAY

- [Parsha Class](#) w/ **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 10:30am (Not meeting next 2 weeks)
- [Intro to Bible](#) w/ **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** • 6:30-8pm
- [Tuesday Beit Midrash Night](#) • 7:30-9:15pm
- Tanach Survey: The Books of Samuel and Kings
Facilitated by Marcy Zwecker and Robyn Mitchnick
- Politics and Kingship: The Book of Samuel
Facilitated by Ron Platzer
- [Faith and Prayer Class](#) w/ **Rabbi Ben Elton** • 8:30pm
Consider the central texts of our liturgy and discuss openly what they mean to us and how we respond to them.
Next Class Topic: The Shema

WEDNESDAY

- [Wednesday Beit Midrash Night](#) • 8:15-9:15pm
- The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai
Facilitated by Sara Brzowsky
- [Talmudic Logic](#) w/ **Rabbi Dennis Weiss** • 7:30pm
(Not Meeting This Week)

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 will be "**Misappropriation & Trespass**"

- [Nach B'lyun: The Second Book of Shmuel](#) • 7:15pm
w/ **Rabbi Hayyim Angel**

The cost is \$125 for the entire 8-session series or \$20 per class. Co-sponsored by The Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals (Jewishideas.org).
Sign up at lss.org/RabbiAngel

(Not Meeting This Week)

THURSDAY

- [Parsha Class](#) with **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** • 7:00pm
(not meeting next 2 weeks)

For full class descriptions, visit lss.org/classes

ISRAEL CORNER • פינת ישראל

TZETCHEM L'SHALOM

Rabbi Robinson will be leading the Solidarity Mission to Southern Israel this coming week. Accompanying him are: Ann Crane, Margy & Perry Davis, Ken, Judy and Sheri Goldman (Teaneck), Reva & Irv Kaufman (Highland Park), Joel Pelofsky, Ruth & Bernie Simon, and Nathan Vogel. We look forward to sharing our experiences and encounters from the mission in future editions of the Israel Corner.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Israel Committee is looking for new members to join our ranks and help plan future activities. Of course, we are looking for members who have a passion for *Medinat Israel* and would like to engage in activities to support her. Equally important, we need people with professional skills, whether in advertising, marketing, communications, social media, or project management.

Other qualifications include the ability to work well with others, as well as the ability to take ownership of a project and run with it. Possible projects could range from arranging for an Israeli speaker, to planning the Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom Yerushalaim celebrations, and anything in between. Creativity in coming up with actionable ideas for future activities and for ways to execute them is a huge plus (did we mention that we have no budget?). A sense of humor is essential.

If you would like to join the Israel Committee and be invited to upcoming planning meetings, please email Ann Crane (chair) anncrane2750@gmail.com

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.

LSS Security Update

Please enter and exit the shul only through the main doors. We must make sure no door is left ajar nor unguarded.

Given the deadly terrorist massacre in Israel this week by people known to that shul you now understand why we search bags of people we know. Please address questions to Ian Silver at security@lss.org.



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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PARSHAT TOLDOT

By: Rabbi Michael Levy

A passage at the end of this week's Torah portion (Genesis, Chapter 28, Verses 8-9) describes a very disturbing wedding. Isaac's son Esau marries Ishmael's daughter Machalat. Some portray this match as an unholy union, combining the murderous instincts of Ishmael with the cunning of Esau.

In the almost week-to-week power positioning in the Middle East, today's Ishmaels shift allegiances, create and destroy pacts, and (depending on whom they are fighting) receive support from the "character descendants" of Esau.

Only one thing remains constant and predictable: both the Esaus and Ishmaels on the world stage portray Israel and by extension Jews as evil. While Holocaust survivors are still among us, we find our Jewish nation yet again isolated and solitary. .

Surviving the Isolation

Has it been ordained that the Jewish people shall never find tranquility among the nations? It can't just be by chance that Israel is the only nation whose very right to exist is debated.

What can we do, when the world concocts falsehoods to condemn us? While lobbying has its place, it doesn't seem to have changed things much for the better.

Turning to God

With the Yam Suf (Sea of Reeds) in front of them and the Egyptian army behind them, our ancestors implored God to save them. While one cannot rely on miracles, our people have stormed the gates of Heaven with supplications for thousands of years. We remain; those who oppress us vanish from history.

Turning to Each Other

To put it in a Chasidic way, our Father In Heaven gets great pleasure from seeing His children supporting and caring for each other. King Ahab, who encouraged idol worship, was nevertheless victorious in battle because no subject in his kingdom maligned another Israelite. Queen Esther's first instruction to Mordecai "Go, gather (and unify) all the Jews" was an essential precursor to the miracle of Purim.

Our wonderful Kiruv organizations do not exempt us as individuals from casting wide nets of kindness and support. Great worldwide Shabbat celebrations have their place, but so do myriads of ongoing gentle acts of Chesed (kindness.)

The world looks on as evil men storm a Jerusalem synagogue and slaughter its worshippers. The world accords recognition and sometimes honor to aquasi-government which, as it seeks statehood, does nothing to lessen the likelihood of such attacks in the future.

We may or may not win battles in Congress and on the world stage. Therefore, it is time to escalate the use of the "weapons" of prayer and unity which have sustained us for over 3,000 years.