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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 4:22pm: Candle Lighting
- 4:30pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan **Moshe Silverstein**.
- 4:30pm: 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
- 8:30am: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinic Interns in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan **Moshe Silverstein**. Post-musaf address by **Prof. Simha Goldin**: "Reviving the Desert: Valuing life, triumphing over Death."
- 9:09am: Latest Shema
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Bill Greenbaum** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 2:50pm: 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. (Please note new time)
- 3:20pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**: *Crocs and Eiruvei Tehumin: Did the Avot Keep the Torah?* Shiur is sponsored by **Dorothea Krieger** in commemoration the yahrtzeits of her grandfather, **Moshe Nachum ben Bezalel HaKohen z"l**, and his uncle, **Yitzchak Yaakov ben Moshe Nachum HaKohen z"l**.
- 3:20pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi David Freedman**
- 4:05pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit.
- 5:22pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Michele and Larry Gould** on the birth of a baby boy, **Raphael Samuel Green**, born to their children **Dalya and Adam Green**.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Muk and Vivien Eisenmann** on the birth of a baby girl, born to their children **Marc and Astrid** in Florida. Mazal Tov to siblings **Tzvi, Shmuel, Yaakov, Adina, Binyomin, and Yehuda**.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Freddy and Rocky Kohn** on the birth of a baby girl, born to their children **Evie and Shmuel Hoenig** of Far Rockaway. Mazal Tov to siblings **Chanale and Yitzchak Moshe**.

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of November 15-20
 Sun—Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 4:25pm
 Late Ma'ariv Monday—Thurs: 8:30pm

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	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

WELCOME PROFESSOR SIMHA & DR. LEAH GOLDIN

We are privileged to welcome Professor Simha Goldin and Dr. Leah Goldin, the parents of Lieutenant Hadar Goldin, an officer of the Givati Brigade, who was killed in Gaza by Hamas terrorists during a ceasefire in Operation Protective Edge last summer. His body continues to be held hostage in a tunnel deep inside Gaza to this day. Hadar's parents are visiting our community to mobilize support to bring Hadar's body home for burial in Israel. Professor Simha Goldin is the Head of Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center in Tel Aviv University. Dr. Leah Goldin received her Ph.D in Computer Science from Technion and currently serves as the CEO of Golden Solutions, an independent system engineering consulting firm.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST CHAZZAN

Welcome to our guest Chazzan, Moshe Silverstein, of the Beach Minyan in Westhampton.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by The Fund

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Trudy and Jay Zimmern** and **Susan and Ira Schwartz** in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, **Elise Riley**, daughter of our members **Melissa and Marc Schwartz**.

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 **Pinhas Zekry** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his grandmother, **Rachel bat Freha and Rav David a"h**

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Trudy and Jay Zimmern** in memory of their father, **Sidney Klein, Alte Alexander ben Yonah z"l**; and by **Vivien and Muk Eisenmann** in loving memory of **Samuel Eisenmann z"l**.

YOUTH GROUPS

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

K-1 Room 208/210
 2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

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



SAVE THE DATE
 CHANUKAH DINNER DECEMBER 11TH

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."

Thanks to everyone who participated in last week's Hospitality Shabbaton -- our most successful one yet. And remember: Every Shabbat is an opportunity to host someone new.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cantorial Classics Concert • Motza'ei Shabbat, November 14th, at 8pm • Congregation Rinat Yisrael, 389 West Englewood Ave. Teaneck, NJ • \$36

Classics featuring our own Cantor Yanky Lemmer and Cantor Yaakov Motzen • Rsvp at rinat.org/concert

Ruth Englander Memorial Shiur • In the Beit Midrash • Sunday, November 15th, at 9:30am

Please join us following the second Shacharit minyan for a special shiur given by scholar, Mrs. Rachel Friedman, to commemorate the 1st yahrtzeit of our former member **Ruth Englander a"h (Ruchama bat Tzvi Ozer)**. Rachel Friedman is Founding Dean of Lamdeinu, a center for Jewish Learning in Teaneck, New Jersey. She served for many years as Associate Dean and Chair of Tanakh Studies at Drisha Institute for Jewish Education in New York City. She has an MA in Bible from Bernard Revel Graduate School at Yeshiva University and a JD from Columbia University School of Law. It is sponsored by Bernice Farbman, her husband and children, and by Carol Hornung and Barbara Epstein. A light collation will follow the shiur. The event is part of the Global Day of Jewish Learning

Film Screening: I Declare Allegiance • Sunday, November 15th, at 7pm.

Join us for a special two-part evening. The LSS film club together with the Institute for Ideas and Ideals present the first film of the season, **I Declare Allegiance**, about an experimental unit in the IDF composed of young men from the haredi community. Following the film, Prof. Benjamin Ish-Shalom and Mr. Shai Hershkowitz, both from Beit Morasha in Jerusalem (BMJ) will discuss programs developed by BMJ to help haredi soldiers integrate in the IDF. Advance reservation (at lss.org/films), \$10; at the door, \$15.

Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, November 18th, at 11:30am

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

Young Professionals Wine Tasting and Cheese Pairings • Saturday Night, November 21st at 7:30pm

LSS Young Professionals presents a night of wine tasting & cheese pairing. Light fare and hors d'oeuvres to be served. **SOLD OUT!**

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible (Began Tuesday, October 13th)**. This course, which meets for another **3 weeks, from 6:30-8:00pm**, 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. To register, please call [212-874-6100](tel:212-874-6100) or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. **Cost: \$90, free for LSS members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**
- The **FINAL** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, November 16th at 6:30pm**. The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- The next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, November 16th 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 **FINAL** session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, November 16th, 7:30pm-8:30pm. Topic: Chanukah.**
- **Save the date! Friday and Saturday, December 4th-5th** for the **Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**. \$50 includes three meals (please note new price). 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JCC Manhattan's literacy and math tutoring programs have a lasting impact on participating public school students and on our community. The JCC engages approximately 400 volunteers each year who range in age from 14-92 and support struggling students in eight locations. The JCC's most recent partner school is PS 191, located on 61st Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Volunteers are needed to help in the Kindergarten and 1st Grade classrooms. If you can carve out two hours a week to make a difference in the lives of our youngest scholars, or would like additional information about helping public school children, please contact Judy Gross, Director of Literacy, Math and Social Action Programs, at jgross@jccmanhattan.org or [646-505-4450](tel:646-505-4450).

Manhattan Day School's Annual Chanukah Boutique— Saturday Night, November 14th, 8pm-11pm. At MDS 310 W. 7th Street (between West End Ave & Riverside Drive) Sponsorships available. rabraham@mdsweb.org. 212-376-6800 ext815

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 Halakic 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 • 7:15pm 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

SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior or Junior, Man or Women. All levels welcome. Don't delay, sign up for the upcoming Cadet course. Interviews are in progress now. Email the LSS Security Committee chair Ian Silver at security@lss.org to start the application

Remember: "If you see something, say something. Your safety depends on it."

Ian Silver, Chair, LSS security Committee



COMMUNITY SECURITY SERVICE

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Youth Events:

Family Havdalah Service—November 21

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. Please rsvp at lss.org/youth

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

- 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"**

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

- 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.*



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 Charles Savenor

Do You Only Have One Blessing?

In Toldot, this week's Torah portion, Isaac urgently plans for the future. Between his advanced age and failing health, our second patriarch focuses on bestowing a blessing on his children. Tricked by Rebecca and Jacob, Isaac gives the eldest child's birthright to his younger son.

When Esau learns of this debauchery, he cannot believe his ears. Jacob has stolen his birthright, something that originally did not appear valuable to Esau. His rage and frustration are coupled with disappointment and pain.

Several times the Torah reports that Esau cries as he tries to convince Isaac to make things right. He pleads for his birthright, justice and, at the very least, a blessing from his father.

Genesis 27:38 reads: "And Esau said to his father, 'Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me too, Father!' Then Esau wept aloud."

Our traditional commentators tend to focus on whether Esau's tears are real. Some claim that his crying and emotional outburst are crocodile tears intended to manipulate the situation. Other sources embrace Esau's tears as a sincere expression of disappointment. Looking at the text from another angle, one might even claim that not only is Esau not trying to trick anyone, but he also may even be a victim.

Debating the sincerity of Esau's remorse unfortunately distracts us from an even more important issue. Esau's question represents one of the most vital challenges facing the Jewish community today.

Do we only have one blessing?

This sobering question invites us to assess how inclusive we are. While Judaism values education and learning, the truth is that not every Jewish child has the ability to master Hebrew as a second language, let alone a dual curriculum.

Inclusion is not just about academic success; it's about feeling embraced by a community that shares the same birthright. Unfortunately there are too many stories about Jews who feel that spiritual and educational portals of entry are blocked due to learning, developmental and physical challenges.

Do we only have one blessing?

Who wrote the rules that a Bar Mitzvah includes Haftarah? Where is it written that success only comes from an Ivy League diploma? What miracles do we miss when we turn away from difference?

Do we only have one blessing?

My greatest fear is that those who live with any kind of challenges may misinterpret current institutional obstacles for some larger, deeper message. The cornerstone of our tradition is that we all created *B'tzelem Elohim* (in the image of God), and it is our sacred obligation to treat everyone with the respect that comes with this divine imprimatur.

This week Esau, of all people in the Bible, teaches us what it feels like to be excluded. Equally important, this biblical outsider reminds us that the Jewish community can only reach its potential when each one of God's children receives their own unique blessing.