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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

4:28pm: Candle Lighting

4:30pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**

4:30pm: Shir Hashirim followed by Sephardic Kabbalat Shabbat 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 Intern **Jared Anstandig** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Drasha by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**

9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)

9:40am: Latest Shema

9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash led by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**

Shabbat Afternoon

12:30pm: Beginners Shabbat Luncheon

3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.

3:00pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

3:30pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur led by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: The Seven Shepherds of Israel: Shiur #2 - Moshe Rabbeinu pt. 2**

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

4:15pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

5:29pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

YOUTH GROUPS

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

Groups Start at 10am

K-1 Room 211

Pre-K: Room 208/210

2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

MOLAD

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be this evening 3 minutes and 13 chalokim after 8 PM. Rosh Chodesh Shevat will be on Monday.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Danielle & Jeremy Markowitz

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush

Sponsored by **The Fund**

Main Kiddush

Sponsors Welcome

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Ilene and Louis Vynereb** in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Ilene's (Sarah Leah) father, **Benjamin, z"l**, Tevet 28. Happy birthday to our dear daughter, **Loren**, and to **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**.

Seudah Shlishit

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MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Jennifer and Ami Eden** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Charlie. Mazal Tov to Charlie's siblings, **Ben, Ava and Caleb**; to Charlie's grandparents, **Drs. Solomon & Deborah Lerer and Avi Eden & Emmy Miller**; and to his great grandparents, **Kalman & Irene Talansky and Richard & Marian Shuman**.
- Mazal Tov to great-grandmother **Wendy Baker** on a birth of baby boy, born to her grandchildren **Verly & Adi Hoek** in Israel, who are children of her daughter and son-in-law, **Laurie & Oded Gafni**.
- Mazal Tov to **Lenore Feder & Michael Altman** on the birth of their son **Dorian Altman, Shmuel Mordechai**.
- Mazal Tov to **Sarah** and all the **Robinson family** on three smachot in the last two weeks; the wedding of her nephew **Oshy Hass** to **Esther Marcusson** in Jerusalem, the birth of niece **Poppy Tzipi** to **David and Lucy Hass** in London and the engagement of her sister **Naomi** to **Ian Goodman** of Toronto, Canada.

Rachel Blazer would like to express her appreciation to all those who took the time to attend minyanim and make personal visits after the recent loss of her brother Menachem.

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."

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of Jan 10-15

Sun- Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 4:35pm

Late Ma'ariv Monday-Thursday: 8:30pm

Sunday	Mon (R.C. Shevat)	Thurs	Tues, Wed & Fri
Shacharit: 7:10am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:00am	Shacharit: 7:10am
Shacharit: 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:40am	Shacharit: 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:50am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Film Screening: The Prime Ministers Part 2: Soldiers and Peacemakers • Saturday Night, January 16th, 8pm
The LSS Film Club is excited to present The Prime Ministers Part 2: Soldiers and Peacemakers. The Prime Ministers is an epic film that follows the experiences of the late Ambassador Yehuda Avner during the years he worked for Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Menachem Begin. Sign up at lss.org/film

Mexican Themed Young Professionals Shabbat Lunch • January 23rd in the Beit Midrash
Enjoy delicious Carlos and Gabby's cuisine, a shot from the tequila bar, and most importantly a chance to experience the warmth of our growing young community. Babysitters on hand to watch kids so you can savor your cocktail in peace! \$45 for adults, \$10 for children (2 and over)

Third Annual Benefit Concert • Saturday Night, February 20th at 8:30pm

Free concert tickets to first 40 Israel Bond purchasers!

LSS will offer one complimentary concert ticket to the first 40 online purchasers of an Israel Bond at a minimum purchase price of \$54. This applies to new purchases beginning Jan 2016.

Visit israelbonds.com for current rates and prospectuses or contact our synagogue representative Robert Lunzer at 212-446-5835, robert.lunzer@israelbonds.com for additional information. If making a purchase on line, please advise Mr. Lunzer in advance. Once you get your confirmation, please send a copy to Leah@lss.org, and a complimentary ticket will be reserved for you. Please note that bonds can be purchased for many of your favorite charities. For help with any online questions call 1-888-764-2632. *Development Corporation for Israel. This is not an offering, which can be made only by prospectus. Read the prospectus carefully before investing to fully evaluate the risks associated with investing in Israel bonds. Member FINRA*

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Presents its Third Annual Benefit Concert

הנה מה טוב
THE LEMMER BROTHERS
In concert together in New York for the first time

Motzei Shabbos
FEBRUARY 20TH
8:30 PM
@LSS 180 Amsterdam Avenue

YANKY LEMMER **SHULEM LEMMER**

Special guest stars **Soul Farm** With Chazzan **Sherwood Goffin** And the **SHLOM Duchs** ORCHESTRA & SINGERS Featuring Comedian **Marc Weiner**

Sponsored by **ISRAEL BOND** Development Corporation for Israel

Dessert reception following the concert
\$500 sponsorship includes 4 premium reserved seats, VIP coat check, gift bag
\$50 per ticket, \$36 Seniors and \$25 for Students

Reserve online at www.lss.org/concert or by phone at 212-874-6100

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to those who are attending the Beginners Luncheon.**
- New sessions of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II** will begin **THIS Monday, January 11th, 2016 at 6:30pm**. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** of the season will be **Shabbat, February 6th, 2016**. The cost is only **\$25 per person**. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by **Wednesday, February 3rd**.
- **Save the date!** Register now for **Introduction to Bible: The 10 Commandments** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald (Begins **Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 6:30-8:00pm**). An in-depth study and analysis of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and other basic biblical texts. The religious significance of the Bible, scriptural exegesis and the relationship of the written and oral law will be discussed and analyzed. To register, please call **212-874-6100** or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds.**

FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL: DID YOU KNOW???

DEMOGRAPHICS:

- Israel has only 2% of the population of the Middle East.
- Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees per capita in the world.
- Israel produces more scientific papers per capita than any other nation in the world - by a large margin.
- Israel has the highest number of scientists and technicians per capita in the world - by a large margin.
- Israel has the highest number of PhD's per capita in the world.
- Israel has the highest number of physicians per capita in the world.
- Israel is the only country in the Middle East where Christians, Muslims and Jews are all free to vote.
- Israel is the only country in the Middle East where women enjoy full political rights.

Economics:

- Israel has the largest number of startup companies per capita in the world.
- WAZE, WHAT'S APP AND EZ PASS were created and developed in Israel
- Apart from the Silicon Valley, Israel has the highest concentration of hi-tech companies in the world.
- The cell phone was developed in Israel at Motorola's largest development center.
- In the early 80's, IBM chose an Israeli-designed computer chip as the brains for its first personal computers.
- The first anti-virus software for computers was developed in Israel in 1979.
- Most of the Windows NT and XP operating systems were developed in Israel by Microsoft.
- Israel has the highest number of home computers per capita in the world.
- The technology for the AOL Instant Messenger and ICQ was developed in 1996 by 4 young Israelis.
- Israel was the first Middle Eastern country to launch a satellite, the Ofek 1, on September 19, 1988.

And so much more...we look forward to Israel's achievements in 2016!!

source: LSS solidarity tour- Nov 2014 and UHCOFNY@aol.com

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.

Sunday Morning Responsa #9 - R. Avraham Yitzhak HaKohen Kook on Practical Messianism

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

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*)

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. (**Class will be meeting on Mondays, starting January 18th.**)

Tuesday (Cont.)

LSS Winter Visiting Scholar Series 5776 - Rabbi Dr.

Daniel Sinclair. Begins 1/19. \$20/session, \$75/four sessions

- 1/19 - *Towards Resolving the Agunah Problem*
- 1/26 - *Is National Affiliation Sufficient for Halakhic Conversion?*
- 2/2 - *The Changing Face of Jewish Bioethics*
- 2/9 - *Does Jewish Tradition Recognize an Ethic Independent of Halakha?*

WEDNESDAY

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 this week)

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.*

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



D'var Echod B'lev Echod

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

28 Tevet 5776 • January 8-9, 2016

Parshat Vaera

By: Rabbi Charlie Savenor

"Star Wars and the Force of Jewish Life"

The people had yearned for this day for what felt like a lifetime. They could not hold back their excitement for the sounds, the sights and the experience of transcending reality.

If you think that I am talking about the Exodus unfolding in this week's parashat Vaera, then you may be surprised. I am describing the behavior and attitude of the millions of Americans who went to see *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* this past month.

This pop culture phenomenon surrounding *Star Wars*, which opened nearly forty years after the original, merits our attention. We can learn something significant about our approach to Jewish life from the sustained success of this franchise and the renewed interest stemming from the most recent movie.

Let's begin by asking: What is the pull of *Star Wars*? A good story, miraculous special effects, a moving soundtrack, and the heroes' sense of purpose are amongst the ingredients that have secured *Star Wars*' place in popular culture. Equally important, when viewing the most recent film with our sons, we noticed numerous families sitting together and sharing their passion for the series and characters with the next generation.

The elements of this movie can define an engaging spiritual community as much as an entertaining science fiction movie. There must be:

the potential for something miraculous at any given moment – *emunah*,

music that keeps you humming – *ruach*,

continuous insights - *midrash*,

a feeling of belonging - *kehilah*,

a mission to improve the world and the universe beyond- *tikkun olam*,

And the commitment to sharing the experience and the message with the next generation – *mesorah le'dor vador*.

In the Torah we find one of the most well known and powerful stories of all time, our story. As the Children of Israel prepare to leave Egypt, they witness special effects that still inspire us today.

What we learn from the latest installment in the *Star Wars* "canon" is that in order to stay relevant, a core story needs to be embraced regularly and passed down to the next generation. Moreover, the story itself must be thought of as "art in progress."

By viewing Jewish life as art, we Jews become artists. With every *mitzvah* we perform, with every word of Torah we study and with every prayer we utter, we add a brush stroke to the canvas of Jewish life. Since the *mitzvot*, the commandments, are an occasion to see God's hand in the world, then our tradition informs us that every action, from the mundane to the most significant, has the potential to be imbued with and to expand God's presence.

By developing committed, welcoming and supportive Jewish homes and communities, we create Jewish masterpieces that are not only inviting today, but that also can capture the imagination of the next generation.

Shabbat Shalom and, in the words of Luke Skywalker, "May the Force Be With You!"