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THIS SHABBAT

Friday Evening

5:37pm: Candle Lighting

5:40pm: Sephardi Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

5:40pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

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. Post-musaf drasha by **Rabbi Mosheh Lichtenstein**: "A Lot to Think About—The Rise and Fall of Lot"

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

10:01am: Latest Shema

Shabbat Afternoon

3:50pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

4:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.

4:20pm: Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room 211

4:20pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbi Mosheh Lichtenstein**: "Kedushat HaMikdash and Har Habayit"

5:20pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit. Talk by **Rabbi Mosheh Lichtenstein**: "From Chevron to Be'er Sheva—Avraham's relationship with Yishmael and Avimelech"

6:37pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

YOUTH GROUPS

Groups Start at 10am

K-1 Room 208/210

Pre-K: Room 208/210

2nd-tweens— Room 206/207

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

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."

Join our LSS community. Go to lss.org/join

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



Lincoln Square Synagogue is honored to welcome **HaRav Mosheh Lichtenstein**, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion this Shabbat. The Scholar in Residence Shabbat is sponsored by **Howard and Tova Weiser**, in memory of **HaRav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l**.

Harav Mosheh Lichtenstein came on aliya with his family in 1971 from New York. He studied at the Netiv Meir High School in Jerusalem, and thereafter, spent a year studying with his grandfather Rav Joseph B. Solovietchik zt"l. From 1979-1985, he did hesder at Yeshivat Har Etzion, serving in the Armored Corps. He received Semicha from the Rabbanut and a degree in English Literature from Hebrew University. Rav Mosheh has been a Ram in Yeshiva since 1992. While on sabbatical in Cleveland during the '97 and '98 academic years, Rav Mosheh served as Rosh Kollel of the Torat Tzion Kollel. He also taught at Bruria, an Advanced Program for Women in Jerusalem from 1992-1997. He is married to Dr. Michal Lichtenstein and has three daughters.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by The Fund.

Main Kiddush

Sponsored by **Caryn and Michael Bruckheimer** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their mother, **Sally Nussenfeld a"h**, and in honor of Rav Mosheh Lichtenstein's visit to LSS. The following families have contributed towards the main Kiddush in honor of Rav Moshe Lichtenstein's visit to LSS: **Heller Family, Adelsburg Family, Kravitz Family, Feder Family, Klapholz Family, and Wildes Family.**

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Manny Henzel and family** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of my father, **Abraham Henzel, Avraham ben Menachem Zev, z"l.**

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Mike and Marina Roxland** for the refuah shleima of **Dana Hudes.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Abraham and Gabrielle Kuzniecky

Dahlia Japhet

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to all shul members who are participating in the NY Marathon.
- Mazal Tov to **Mrs. Sylvia Savitt** on the engagement of her grandson **Jason Strauss** to **Kimberly Hay**. Mazel Tov to the entire Savitt family.

HOSPITALITY SHABBATON

It's now or never -- Sign up to be a part of the 2015 LSS Hospitality Shabbaton.

On Shabbat, Nov. 6-7, we hope that every LSS member will share one Shabbat meal with at least one LSS member s/he didn't know before. Sign up now -- just go to the LSS homepage or call 212- 874-6100 and let us know whether you'd like to be a guest or a host. **(We especially need hosts due to the overwhelming guest response.)** Friday night dinner or Shabbat lunch -- pick a meal and make new friends.

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of November 1-6

Sun—Thurs Mincha/Ma'ariv: 4:35pm

Sunday	Mon & Thurs	Tues, Wed & Friday
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

Don't forget to set your clocks backs one hour on Saturday night.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, November 4th, at 11:30am

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

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, Carol Hornung and Barbara Epstein. A light collation will follow the shiur.

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.

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. Register before November 12th for \$10 off. \$30 members; \$35 non-members; \$45 at the door. Contact Candice or Jared Orkin with any questions. Register at lss.org/event/wine-tasting-and-cheese-pairings.html.

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- You may still register for Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible (Began Tuesday, October 13th)**. This course, which meets for another **5 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 next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I** will meet on **Monday, November 2nd 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 next session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, November 2nd 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 next session of the **Jewish Living Workshop** led by Dassa and Bill Greenbaum will meet **THIS Monday, November 2nd, 7:30pm-8:30pm**. 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: Transition prayers – connecting with G-d upon waking, going to sleep and on the road.**
- **Save the date!** The next **Beginners Luncheon** will be **Shabbat, November 7th, 2015**. The cost is only \$25 per person. **Please note new price. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners. Please make your reservations and payment by Wednesday, November 4th.**
- **Save the date!** **Monday, November 9th, 2015, 8:15–9:30PM**, there will be a **Beginners Schmooze**. **No charge, complimentary refreshments. Please call [212-874-6100](tel:212-874-6100) to confirm.**

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 LSTS 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.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Youth Events:

Movie Night—Saturday, October 31st, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Come watch *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. You'll sing along to all the amazing songs in the Andrew Lloyd Weber production starring Donny Osmond and Joan Collins; enjoy pizza, ice cream and snacks; and have tons of fun with friends. Be sure to come dressed in colorful clothing. \$5. Sign up at lss.org/youth

Fantasy Basketball League draft pick —Sunday, November 1, at 5pm

LSS is launching our first ever Fantasy Basketball League! Pick your players, and compete against your shul friends (and even the Rabbi!) for fun prizes. Come to the live draft pick. Pizza will be served. For ages 10-16 (10-13 must be accompanied by an adult.) Free. Please pre-register at lss.org/youth

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Todah Rabbah

A huge yascher koach to the LSS members who collectively donated over \$20,000 to help the families of the Israeli victims of terror. In cases where the shul has a personal connection with the family, the donation was made directly to the family. The balance of the donations have been contributed to the [One Family Fund](#) for distribution to the affected families. May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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.

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. *Begins Nov. 2nd*

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*)

SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT



COMMUNITY SECURITY SERVICE

We are profoundly saddened by the passing of our former LSS Security Team Manager and active member Barry Youngerman z"l. May his memory be a blessing to all of us. As Barry did, feel the reward of protecting our children and community; don't neglect it until it is too late. Train with us and become a Cadet. The next class will begin in November. To find out more email LSS Security at Security@LSS.org Remember: "If you see something, say something. Your safety depends on it."

Ian Silver, Chair, LSS security Committee

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. *Begins Nov. 3rd*

WEDNESDAY

Visiting Scholars Lecture Series • 7:30pm

- Join leading scholars and educators for mini-semester, 4-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 • 8:15pm

- 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 Senior 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

18 Cheshvan 5776 • October 30-31, 2015

Parshat Vayera

By: Fred Ehrman

Today's Dvar Torah is dedicated to the memory of Barry Youngerman A"H who recently passed away suddenly. Barry was a selfless and dedicated member of LSS who among the many tasks for which he volunteered, he was in charge of the weekly Dvar Torah assignments in Echod throughout the year. He was a source of inspiration for all who knew him. He will be sorely missed by us all.

Yishmael, Righteous or Rogue

Sarah, seeing that her stepson Yishmael was a menace to the spiritual health of her son Isaac, tells her husband Abraham to drive him out of the house together with his mother Hagar. God tells Abraham to listen to Sarah who then sends Hagar and Yishmael out into the desert with some bread and water. When their provisions run out, Hagar casts her son under a tree and moves away at some distance, not wanting to witness his death. God hears the boy crying, and sends an angel to tell Hagar that He hears his voice, "*ba'asher hu shom*", "*as he is there*" (21:17). These key words become the object of comments by Rashi. Quoting R' Yitzchak, (Talmud Bavli Rosh Hashana 16 B), "A person is judged only from his actions of that moment, as it is stated, "For God has heard the boy's cries, *as he is there.*" Rashi then goes on to cite the following Midrash. At that very time the angels were prosecuting Yishmael, questioning the Lord who is about to miraculously save the boy. "His descendants will kill many of the Jewish people," they say (Breishit Rabah 53:14). "Let him die now", they counsel. God answered them by asking, "Is he a Tzaddik, a righteous person now or an evildoer?" "Tzaddik", they answer. "So that is how I will judge him, '*Ba'asher hu shom*'". A person is not judged by his future actions. So say the Talmud and the Midrash.

But is this consistent with two other incidents found in the Torah? Moses goes out from Pharaoh's palace to his brethren, and sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. Moses looks around and sees "that there was no man", and he kills the Egyptian (Exodus 2:12). Rashi comments that he saw prophetically that no future proselyte would descend from the Egyptian. The second example is the story of the *Ben Sorer U'Moreh*, the wayward and rebellious son who doesn't listen to his parents who then take him out to the elders of the city. They testify that he steals and is a glutton and a drunkard (Deuteronomy 21:19). He is executed and Rashi explains that we look into the future and see that this boy was killed because of what will happen in the coming years. He is destined to exhaust his father's money while maintaining his habit. Not finding the money he needs he will become a highwayman. The Torah says that better he dies in a relatively innocent state, rather than die as a guilty person. We see then that both these examples contradict the citations that say that a person is judged by his present state.

Let me suggest a totally different view of how Yishmael was judged. The Midrash says that he was a Tzaddik at that time. Was he really? Remember Yishmael was a mocker, *Metzachek*. Rashi defines this term telling us that the boy was committing the three cardinal sins, idolatry, sexual immorality and murder. For this Sarah insisted he be thrown out of Abraham's house. A Tzaddik? Hardly. But we learn that much later in his life Yishmael repents, he does Teshuva. More than seventy years later, at Abraham's funeral, Isaac and Yishmael come to the Cave of Machpelah to bury him (25:9). Rashi quoting the Talmud (TB Bava Basra 16B) tells us that this is where Yishmael did Teshuva. Abraham died in a good old age, seeing both his sons following his ways.

But what about the words "*Ba'asher hu shom*", "*as he is there*", which R' Yitzchok and Rashi insist is at the present time and not in the future. Why isn't "*Shom*", "*there*", the Cave of Machpelah? Sarah passes away and Abraham goes to buy a burial place for her. He negotiates with Ephron and says the following: "I have given you the money for the field, take it from me, "*V'ekbera et maiti SHOMA*", "that I may bury my dead THERE". "There", a *Remez*, a hidden meaning, pointing to the Cave of Machpelah. As Yishmael lay dying of thirst the angel tells Hagar "*as he is there*", "*Ba'sher hu shom*". I would suggest that even in this case, as the other two instances of the Egyptian and the rebellious son, there is consistency and they were all judged on their future states of being.

In the last 1300 years, the sons of Yishmael have for the most part tormented their cousins, the Jewish people. Certainly that is true today. But there is a fascinating commentary in the book of Zechariah. In the End of Days ten men from different nations "will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'" (Zechariah 8:23). The commentator Malbim (Meir Leibush ben Yehiel Michel Weiser, 1809-79) comments on this verse that the Yishmaelites will be the first of all the nations to recognize the God of Israel and his Torah. Perhaps Yishmael was saved from death in the desert, not because of his state at that time, and not even because of his repentance at the Cave of Machpelah. Rather "there", "*Shom*" refers to the Messianic period. And that is why on that day in the torrid desert near Beer-Sheva, God gave His merciful and favorable judgment on young Yishmael.

Shabbat Shalom.