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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening

- 4:13pm: Candle Lighting
- 4:15pm: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- 4:15pm: 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**
- 9:00am: Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha by Rabbinic Intern **Jared Anstandig**: "The Art of Sitting"
- 9:15am: Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in room LL201 (Lower Level)
- 9:19am: Latest Shema
- 9:45am: Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Afternoon

- 2:45pm: Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash
- 3:00pm: Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society meets in shul lobby. New volunteers are urgently needed.
- 3:15pm: Bible Class in room 211 with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald**
- 3:15pm: Louis Lazar Memorial Shiur with **Rabbinic Intern Jared Anstandig**: "Understanding the Gid Hanashe"
- 4:00pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
- 5:13pm: Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

Youth Groups will not meet this Shabbat.

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."

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkamah Kiddush

Sponsored by **Rachel and Martin Balsam** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Martin's mother, **Mollie Balsam, a'h.**

Main Kiddush

Sponsors welcome

Beginners Kiddush

Sponsored by **Anny Zhu** thanking **Rabbi Buchwald** for all his efforts and excellent beginners services.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush

Sponsored by **Elana and James Nussbaum**, and the friends of our dear friend **Mr. Irwin Echtman, z"l**, in his memory and to commemorate his yahrtzeit. For so many years he started our davening for us with p'sukei d'zimra and he will always be missed. May his neshama have an aliya.

Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by **Beth Epstein** in memory of her father, **Charles Epstein, z'l**, and in memory of **Barry Youngerman, z'l**.

MAZAL TOV

- Mazal Tov to **Rose and Morton Landowne** on the birth of a daughter to their children, **Jill and Aryeh Landowne**, in Denver, Colorado, and on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Gilad Bailey**, son of **Jay and Dena Bailey**, in Jerusalem, Parshat Vayishlach.
- Mazal Tov to grandparents **Tova & Howard Weiser** and **Sema & Mordechai Reich** on the birth of a baby girl, born to their children **Reuven & Nechama Weiser** of Efrat. Mazal Tov to siblings **Orly, Avi-gayil, Talya** and **Amichai**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Isaac M. Neuburger
Ms. Debby Horowitz and Miri Briya Horowitz

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Olive Oil Chanukah Event - Sunday, December 6, 12:30pm
Join us as we learn how to turn olives into oil in this hands-on work shop! For ages 3-10. Early bird rate is \$12. Please rsvp at lss.org/youth

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Israel Past, Present and Future: The True Story. Presented by MDS Eighth Grade Israel Advocacy • Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7:30pm
Topics to be addressed include: Terrorist groups, biased media, BDS, apathy and more. This community-wide program will be introduced by Rabbi Shaul Robinson. The MDS Middle School Choir will perform and light refreshments will be served. All adults and children 6th grade and up are invited. RSVP to Reva Borgan, rborgen@mdsweb.org. Government issued ID required for entrance.

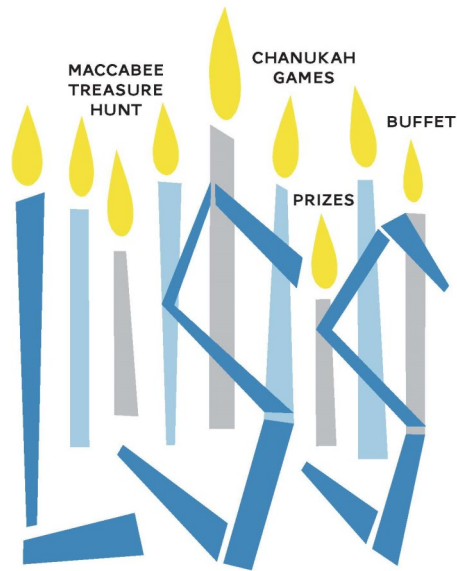
UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Talk Time • Wednesday, December 2nd, at 11:30am
Join LSS member and psychologist Ruth Riemer for a weekly ongoing small group discussion relevant to women in the LSS community.

Chanukah Dinner— Friday, December 11.
LSS invited you to join us as we celebrate Chanukah together as a community. \$25 Children (5-12), \$36 Young Professionals (ages 20-32) \$42 adults, \$50 Non-Members
\$180 Sponsorship (includes 2 seats) Sign up at lss.org
\$360 Maccabee Sponsorship (includes 5 seats)

Weekly Prayer Schedule—For the Week of November 29-December 4

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



DINNER COMMITTEE:
HANNAH FREILICH, TANYA GERSHON & ROCKY KOHN

LET'S CELEBRATE

LSS CHANUKAH DINNER

DECEMBER 11TH, 2015
5:45PM

LSS INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE CHANUKAH TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

\$25 CHILDREN (5-12)
\$42 ADULTS
\$50 NON-MEMBERS
\$180 SPONSORSHIP
(INCLUDES 2 SEATS)

VISIT WWW.LSS.ORG TO SIGN UP
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS DECEMBER 4TH

An anonymous donor is supplementing the cost to encourage Young Professionals to attend.

\$36 for young professionals

\$360 Maccabee Sponsorship (includes 5 seats)

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What We Can Do to Help

The situation in Israel is very grave and is approaching a war of attrition. The stabbings, the shootings, the car attacks continue unabated. The list of casualties keeps growing and growing. In November alone, Netanel Litman, Yakov Litman, Benjamin Yakubovich, Yakov Don, Aharon Yesayev, Reuven Aviram, Hadar Buchris, Shadi Arafa, Ezra Schwartz, and Ziv Mizrahi were all murdered by Arab terrorists. Countless others have been injured.

What can we do to help? To start, call your friends and family members in Israel. Let them know that you're thinking of them. Israelis feel very isolated during this turbulent time and they experience first-hand the double standard that Rabbi Robinson talked about last Shabbat. No buildings and monuments are bathed in blue and white in the world's capitals. *Hatikvah* is not played before concerts and sporting events. Your call will let Israelis know that we have not forgotten them.

Second, join AIPAC and NORPAC. The lobbying over the Iran nuclear deal has left a gaping hole in the critical Israeli-American alliance at a time that Israel needs all the help that it can get from both sides of the aisle. Over the next couple of weeks you will hear from Ann Crane about registering for AIPAC's 2016 Annual Policy Conference in March (\$100 early bird discount if you register by December 1). To register, visit www.aipac.org

Rabbi Robinson is currently in Israel where he is meeting with our community's young men and women who are studying there. He will also meet with people and organizations in order to determine how we, as a community, can best help Israel

BEGINNERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rabbi Buchwald's **Introduction to Bible** will meet for another **2 weeks, from 6:30-8:00pm**.
- The **NEXT** session of the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II** will meet on **Monday, November 23rd at 6:30pm** and continue for **1 more week**. The class meets for 1 1/2 hours, and is free and open to all.
- **Save the date! Friday and Saturday, December 4th-5th** for the **Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton**. \$50 includes three meals (please note new price). We will also be celebrating the actual 40th anniversary of the Beginners Service at the Shabbaton luncheon. Don't miss it! 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.

SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT

If you were in Shul recently you may have heard our rabbis speak about the importance of joining the Lincoln Square Synagogue security team in coordination with the Community Security Service (<http://thecss.org/>).

Rabbi Rosenfeld served in the IDF. He gets it! Rabbi Robinson was trained here by CSS and also served in the UK equivalent organization. He gets it!

Do you get it?

If you do, email me at security@lss.org. All you'll need to do is register, have an interview and complete 2 or 3 nights training. Following that, if you believe in what we do, you are welcome to join the team to protect our children, our community and our Jewish way of life.

The training is open to men and women above the age of 18. Please respond now, we need you!

Registration and interviews are ongoing for classes beginning December.

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

LSS Security Chair
Ian Silver



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.

Shiur will not be meeting this week (Nov. 29)

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 • 7:30pm
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*)

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

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

16 Kislev 5776 • November 27-28, 2015

Parshat Vayishlach

By: Jerry Tov Greenberg

What's In a Name?

Our forefather Jacob was a complicated man. True to his name, for most of his life he had been a grasper and a grabber. He may have seemed a "quiet man of the tent," but like much about him, his looks were deceptive — Jacob had been a wrestler since he was in the womb. Forced to flee his homeland in order to escape his brother Esau's hunger for revenge, in this week's parsha, after more than a 20-year absence, he returns. His departure from Laban was hasty, but he is hardly a typical refugee. Jacob is now a very wealthy man.

Suddenly he learns Esau, accompanied by an army of four hundred, is marching to meet him, and Jacob becomes utterly unnerved. Terrified that everything he's worked so hard for will be taken from him and half-convinced he never deserved it to begin with, he prays for deliverance. But ever the schemer, his first thought is to appease Esau by offering a bribe. And ever astute, he also devises a contingency plan. He divides his property into two camps and sends them off in opposite directions to stave off, however briefly, the prospect of total annihilation. Metaphorically, he is paralyzed with fear. Toward morning, he will be paralyzed for real.

When a stranger confronts him by the Jabbok river, Jacob is alone. Wordlessly, determinedly, he wrestles the man throughout the night. But while this ordeal was taking its toll on his body, what was going through his mind? Might he have been thinking, how did I end up here? Was he re-evaluating how he had swindled his brother out of his birthright? How he defrauded his father into giving him Esau's blessing? How he grabbed up his considerable holdings and sneaked away from his father-in-law Laban like a thief in the night?

The story of Jacob wrestling with the stranger is among the most enigmatic narratives in all of Scripture. Who is this mysterious adversary? Where did he come from? What does he represent? Is he even real? Why is a wealthy man like Jacob alone without a body-guard? Why do the two of them, after wrestling the entire night, wait until morning before they first speak to one another? Readers are left to search for the symbolism.

By daybreak, the match is a virtual tie. After a last-minute attempt to cripple Jacob fails, the stranger finally speaks, wanting release; but Jacob refuses to relax his grip and demands a blessing as the price for doing so. Thereupon the man asks Jacob a puzzling question: "What's your name?" It's impossible to believe he would not have known with whom he'd been wrestling for so many hours, so what's the real purpose of this question?

Jacob replies, "I am Jacob." It's a simple, declarative sentence, but it's a 180-degree turnaround from the answer he gave the last time someone asked his name, the last time that he, Jacob, had asked for a blessing. Twenty years earlier, he was perfectly willing to go to great lengths to impersonate someone else, tricking his blind father into believing he was Esau and insisting not once but twice that, indeed, that's who he was. This time, for once, the usually wily Jacob answers without hesitation, forethought or guile, and it is in this moment of truth that the stranger/angel/man contradicts him, and the history of our people is forever changed.

No, he says, you will be Jacob no longer. That name implies a grasper, a grabber, a supplanter. I crippled your leg, the most powerful weapon a wrestler can employ, yet even without a major ability to grip, you prevail. This is the moment for you to realize that you never needed Esau's blessing. You're worthy of your own blessing, based on your own accomplishments. There's no more need for scheming or manipulation. For in an honest struggle, however hard, however unexpected, you prevail. You prevail whether that struggle is with a stranger, a brother or even yourself. Even when the struggle is with your own Creator, you prevail.

From now on, you are Israel.

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