November 16, 2013

PARSHAT VAYISHLACH 13 Kislev 5774

Erev Shabbat
4:21PM Candle lighting
4:25PM Minchah
Young Couples and Families Hospitality Shabbat

Shabbat Morning
7:45AM Hashkama Minyan
8:30AM Rabbi Israel Silverstein Mishnayot Class
9:00AM Shacharit followed by the David Kagan Memorial Lecture featuring Glenn Cohen, A Time to Fight, a Time to Heal: Reflections of an Israeli Air Force Pilot, Healer and Hostage Negotiator
9:12AM Sof Zman Kriat Shema
9:15AM Hashkama Shiur with Rabbi Daniel Fridman, A Time to Kill? Shimon and Levi Massacre Shechem
9:15AM Young Leadership Minyan
9:30AM Teen Minyan on the 4th floor, followed by a Kiddush on the 9th floor
10:00AM Youth Groups, 2-year-olds: lower level; 3-5-year-olds: lower level; 1st-3rd grade: 7th floor; 4th-6th grade: 5th floor
12:15PM Early Minchah

With thanks to our Kiddush Sponsors:
Hashkama Kiddush, Harriet, Adina, Philip, Sarah and Daniel Wagman in honor of the engagement of Rabbi Daniel Fridman to Dr. Chaya Gopin.
Hashkama Kiddush, Miryam & Amos Alter
Kagan family in memory of David Kagan
Nancy & Yossie Sklarin on the birth of a granddaughter, Rachel Mindel, to their children Lesley and Josh Herbert
Teen Kiddush, Lisa & Jacob Buksbaum, Lori Zeltser & Len Berman and Anonymous

Shabbat Afternoon
2:45PM Bikkur Cholim/Bikkur in the Home to Mt. Sinai Hospital and for home visits. Meet at the Westmont at 730 Columbus Ave.
4:10PM Minchah, afternoon youth groups
Israel Friedman Daf Yomi
39 Melachot: Theory and Practice with Rabbi Dovid Zirkind, Borer Part IV
Seudah Shlishit Speaker: Yossi Siegel, From Scarcity to Abundance: Israel’s Water Story
5:20PM Shabbat concludes

5:40PM Parent & Child Learning with Rabbi Daniel Fridman, Birchas HaShachar (Grades 1-4)

SHABBAT, NOVEMBER 16, FOLLOWING SERVICES
DAVID KAGAN MEMORIAL LECTURE BY GLENN COHEN
A Time to Fight, a Time to Heal: Reflections of an Israeli Air Force Pilot, Healer and Hostage Negotiator

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 • 8:00PM
SHELDON RUDOFF MEMORIAL LECTURE BY RABBI DR. JACOB J. SCHACTER
Law and Narrative in the Torah and Gemara
For more information, please contact the Beth Din of America at (212) 807-9042 or info@bethdin.org.

SHABBAT DINNER, DECEMBER 6
SAVE THE DATE:
COMMUNITY DINNER
Our dinner will be held along with lay leaders from Traditioneller Juden in Deutschland (BtJ), a union of traditional Jewish communities in Germany. See page 3 for more information.

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JC DELEGATION TO THE 2014 AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE
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ONLY 20 TICKETS REMAIN

NOVEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH AT THE JC
Become a member by November 30th and save 20% on the annual membership fee.
Apply for membership online at www.jewishcenter.org or pick up an application in the lobby.

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Women's Tehillim - Monday, November 18 at 7:15PM.
Contact Joyce Weitz for more info at 212-877-1176.
**JEWISH CENTER TYPHOON RELIEF EFFORTS**

Our thoughts and our Tefillot are with the victims of the horrific typhoon that ripped through the Philippines last week. The humanitarian disaster that the storm has left in its wake requires our attention. The Jewish Center is partnering with the JDC's relief fund. You may donate directly through the JDC (http://www.jdc.org/) or you can donate through The Jewish Center office by making out a check to the Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung Memorial Fund and earmarking it "typhoon relief.”

**COLUMBIA DEANS IN DIALOGUE**

Thank you to all those who attended Wednesday’s lecture featuring Glenn Hubbard, Dean of the Columbia Business School and David Schizer, Dean of the Columbia Law School which was moderated by Gary Belsky.

Thank you to Waratek for sponsoring.

Missed the lecture? Visit our website to listen to the recording!

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH DEPARTMENT:**

**SPEND SHABBAT AFTERNOONS AT THE JC!**

Now that we've changed the clocks and Shabbat ends so early, we encourage you to take advantage of the many wonderful programs and opportunities for you and your children on Shabbat afternoons:

- Children 2nd – 7th grade are invited to join our outstanding Shabbat afternoon youth group led by Yael and Tony and Pinto;
- We invite your teen boys to serve as our balei kriah and/or shlichai tzibbur on Shabbat afternoons at Minchah;
- We invite your children to deliver the Youth Dvar Torah at Seudah Shlishit;
- Children are invited to join us on the bima for Havdalah;
- And our families are invited to Parent-Child Learning with Rabbi Daniel Fridman immediately following Havdalah.

For more information or to sign up to deliver a Dvar Torah, lead our Tefillah or Kriat HaTorah, please contact Batsheva at Batsheva@JewishCenter.org or at 212-274-2700 x112

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**YACHAD SHABBATON**

**Dear Community,**

Yachad, The National Jewish Council for Disabilities, is dedicated to addressing the needs of all Jewish individuals with disabilities and ensuring their inclusion in every aspect of Jewish life. Our guests will daven with us in the Main Sanctuary and then participate in a special dinner on the 5th floor. Sponsorships of $180 or more help make this event possible.

Warmly,

Rona and Ira Kellman

**WITH THANKS TO OUR GROWING LIST OF SPONSORS:** Lisa & Jacob Bukbaum, Vivian & Daniel Chill, Rona & Ira Kellman, Rabbi Yosie & Rachel Levine, Golda & Henry Rothman, Atara & Zeesha Twersky.

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**Jewish Center University Fall Semester**

**SUNDAY**
- Israel Friedman Daf Yomi, 7:45AM

**MONDAY**
- Israel Friedman Daf Yomi, 7:45AM
- 3D Tefillah: Davening, Distraction and Deveikut with Dr. Adena Berkowitz, 8:00PM (November 11, 18, 25)
- Ancient Jewish History: Judaism and the Origins of Christianity with Rabbi Ari Lamm, 8:15PM

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**CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH THE JEWISH CENTER**

Visit our website for more information about these events

**Pre-Chanukah & Thanksgiving Family Dinner with Yeladudes**
- Friday, November 22

**Pre-Chanukah Kiddush**
- Shabbat, November 23

**The Menorah of Zechariah with Rabbi Daniel Fridman**
- Wednesday, December 4 at 8 PM

**Chanukah on Ice**
- Monday, December 2 from 6-9PM

**Young Leadership Chanukah Party at The Zirkinds**
- Tuesday, December 3

**Community Shabbat Dinner**
- Friday, December 6

Join us every night, following Minchah, for candle lighting

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PRE-CHANUKAH KIDDUSH • Shabbat, November 23
As we expect many people will be away for Thanksgiving weekend, join us for a special pre- Chanukah Kiddush on Shabbat, November 23. To sponsor, please contact Aaron Strum at astrum@jewishcenter.org.

SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY DINNER • Friday, December 6
We are honored to welcome a group of lay leaders from Traditioneller Juden in Deutschland (BJJ), a union of traditional Jewish communities in Germany along with Rabbi Zsolt Balla, a member of the first group of Rabbinical Students to receive Rabbinical Ordination in Germany since 1938. Rabbi Balla will share his amazing story and discuss the future of Jewish life in Germany. If you have any questions, please contact our dinner committee: Vivian & Bernard Falk, Gilbert Kahn, Barbara & Guy Reiss, and Eleanor Strauss. Registration will open soon.

TEEN VS. CLERGY BASKETBALL GAME • Saturday night, December 7
Join us for a fun night of competition as our teens face off against the JC Rabbis. If you are interested in playing, please contact eliane@jewishcenter.org. Registration will open soon.

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SAVE THE DATE: YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES MINYAN AND LUNCH • Shabbat, December 14
Come for the inspiring davening... stay for the scrumptious lunch. Make new friends and enjoy a wonderful afternoon. If you would like to be involved in planning the lunch, or would like to participate in the minyan, please email ycf@jewishcenter.org.

PRE-CHANUKAH & THANKSGIVING FAMILY DINNER WITH YELADUDES
Friday, November 22
Join us as we thank and bid farewell to our Youth Director, Hod Klein. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend Shabbat with other families and enjoy Yeladuudes’ new Chanukah show! Visit our website to register. Sponsorship opportunities available.

CHESED OPPORTUNITY:
MANHATTAN TOV B’YACHAD THANKSGIVING FOOD PACKAGING PROJECT
Sunday, November 24
Join Rabbi Fridman and The JC community for this wonderful chesed opportunity. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to acknowledge that not all New Yorkers have plentiful tables. We will prepare food packages and holiday cards for low-income seniors and families. Please visit our website to register.

CHESED OPPORTUNITY:
THANKSGIVING FIREHOUSE VISIT
Thursday, November 28 at 10:00AM
Meet in the JC lobby at 10:00AM and then walk over for a tour of our local firehouse, located on 83rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Families are encouraged to bring thank you cards and treats for the firefighters. Please email Becca Herman at beccaherman@yahoo.com to register.

CHANUKAH ON ICE
Monday, December 2 from 6-9PM
Come to ice skate and to hear the Yeshiva Maccabeats! Visit http://www.chanukahonicenyc.com/to register and don’t forget to use the code JC2013 in order to receive a discount!

SAVE THE DATE:
YOUTH DEPARTMENT & BIKKUR CHOLIM VISITS
Shabbat, December 7
This is for those in grades 5-8. For more information and to RSVP please contact Sharon Herzfeld at sherzfeld@holisticneuro.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov
Paulette & Samuel Papilsky on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Alexander Louis Papilsky.
Nechi Shudofsky on the birth of a great-granddaughter in Israel
Nancy & Yossie Sklarin on the birth of a granddaughter, Rachel Mindel, to their children Lesley and Josh Herbert
Beth & Abraham Rosenberg on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Marissa to Zachary Berg
Rabbi Benjamin Blech who was recently honored by Yeshiva University on the occasion of his 80th birthday as well as 47 years of dedication and teaching. We wish him continued good health and all our brachot.
Thank You to our Ushers
Thank you to Brauna Fortgang and Steve Antosofsky who are our ushers this Shabbat.
Thank You CSS
We would like to once again thank CSS and our dedicated CSS members for providing the security for our synagogue this week.
Leket Israel Fundraiser
On Tuesday, November 19 at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC, Leket Israel will host a fine Whisky Tasting to benefit Leket Israel’s food rescue programs for the poor. To become a sponsor or to purchase tickets, please contact American Friends of Leket Israel at 201-331-0070 or at info@leket.us.
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Forgive and Forget: A Lesson from Esav
Rabbi Dovid Zirkind, Assistant Rabbi

The message Yaakov sends to his brother in the opening of Parshat Vayishlach is both strategic and cautionary. The messengers speak not only of Yaakov’s accomplishments in the house of Lavan and the wealth he was able to accrue, but also of his desire to find favor in the eyes of the brother he once deceived. In contrast, however, to the detailed message Yaakov sends, Esav simply journeys to meet him, not having said anything in response.

The messengers returned to Yaakov saying: ‘We came to your brother, Esav, and he too is coming to greet you, accompanied by four hundred men. (Bereishit 32:7)

Had Yaakov not reacted swiftly, we might have assumed that Esav’s silence was inconsequential, but the Torah describes the exact opposite:

Yaakov became very afraid and pained. He divided the people that were with him, the sheep, the cattle and the camels into two camps. (Bereishit 32:8)

In examining Esav’s silence, our sages wonder what precisely triggered such intense fear in Yaakov’s mind.

Some argue that Yaakov feared deception, precisely because Esav did not react. Having anticipated resentment on the part of Esav, Yaakov saw his brother’s silence as a trap. Alternatively, the message did not worry Yaakov, but Esav’s clan of four hundred followers did. Kli Yakar offers a novel approach based on a subtle nuance in the text. Yaakov describes himself as Esav’s servant, ‘So says your servant Yaakov,’ but the messengers returned with a message from ‘your brother Esav.’ In a modest attempt to restore their previous relationship, Yaakov identifies himself as the younger brother, subservient to the will of the first-born. It was that formulation which Esav rejected. Yaakov was no longer Esav’s servant, he was in possession of Yitzchak’s blessing, and he was now the bechor. It was Esav’s insistence upon Yaakov being the bechor that caused Yaakov to be so fearful – assuming his brother still held a grudge.

What may appear like bribery on the part of Yaakov, is in fact his way of attempting to return that which he took. In his mind, Yaakov cannot envision Esav forgiving him without first giving back what was intended for his brother. (33:11) Time and again, Esav rejects his offer: “I have much my brother, what is yours should be for you.” (33:9) Ironically, the Chumash suggests that Esav had already moved on. To Esav’s credit, the Torah emphasizes his ability to accept his fate and reconnect with his brother, despite the initial pain Yaakov caused him.

Although Chazal frequently describe Esav as wicked, one cannot help being inspired by his ability to reconcile with Yaakov. Ultimately Yaakov chooses to distance himself from Esav, but Esav’s willingness to work together should be a challenge to us and the relationships we may have given up on in our lives. The power and beauty of a strong relationship are well worth the effort necessary to forgive.

JEWISH CENTER MEMORIAL BOARD
PLAQUES AVAILABLE

We recently installed a new Memorial Board on the west side of our Main Sanctuary. Purchasing an individual or family plaque is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one. Please note that prices will increase on January 1, 2014. If you would like more information, please contact our Executive Director, Aaron Strum at 212-724-2700 x107 or at strum@jewishcenter.org.

ISRAEL UPDATE

Palestinian youth stabs sleeping Israeli soldier to death

An Israeli soldier, 18-year-old Eden Atlas of Nazareth Illit, died after he was stabbed multiple times in the neck by a Palestinian youth on a bus at the central bus station in Afula. Eyewitnesses said Atlas was sleeping in his seat on the bus when he was attacked. “The bus stopped and people had stepped out,” an eyewitness said. “A female soldier was left on the bus, along with the soldier [who was stabbed] and the terrorist. Suddenly the female soldier started screaming for help, she ran outside, she was shaking. The terrorist had stabbed the soldier, he was covered in blood.” Atlas enlisted only two weeks ago and was still in basic training. He was traveling to his base after a sick leave. The suspect is a 16-year-old Palestinian resident of Jenin who did not have a permit to work or reside in Israel, according to police.

The Jewish Center partners with AIPAC, America’s pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at (212) 750-4110 or by visiting www.aipac.org

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