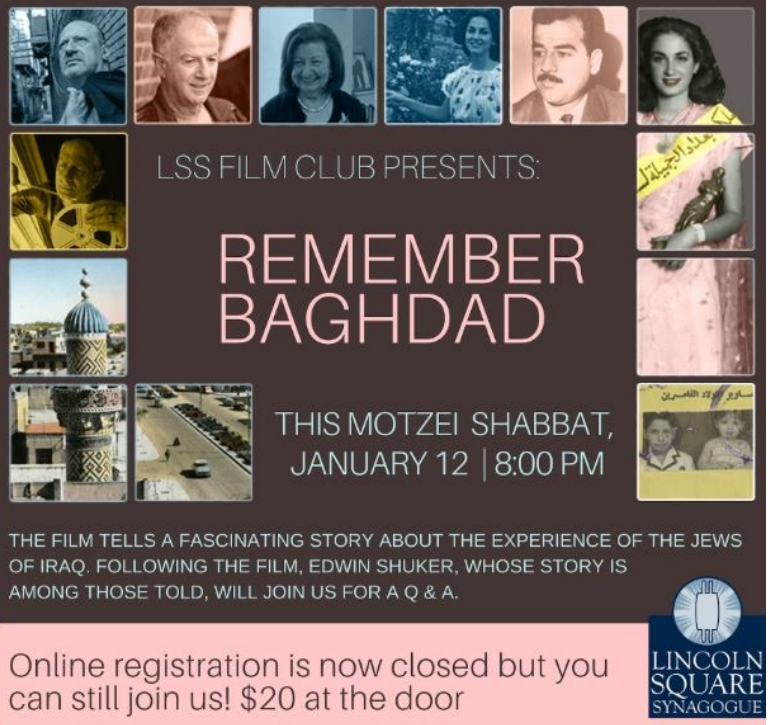


SHABBAT SCHEDULE	
4:31pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting
Friday Night	
4:35pm	Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen. Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson .
6:00pm	Dinner and Dvar (Belfer Beit Midrash) pre-registration required
Shabbat Morning	
7:45am	Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow
8:30am	Parsha Shiur given by Community Educator, Zissy Turner
9:00am	Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Musaf.
9:15am	Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201
9:30am	Women's Tefillah Group (3rd floor gym) pre-registration required for luncheon
9:40am	Latest Shema
9:45am	Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
10:00am	Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
Shabbat Afternoon	
3:00pm	Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meets in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer to visit patients at Mount Sinai West. (New volunteers needed and welcome)
3:05pm	Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash
3:35pm	Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm 211
3:35pm	Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on <i>"Pirkei Avot: pt. 3"</i>
4:20pm	Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Dvar Torah given by Community Educator, Zissy Turner
5:33pm	Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends (<i>check out our weekend events!</i>)

HAKARAT HATOV
Lori Jacobowitz for writing this week's Dvar Torah.




LSS FILM CLUB PRESENTS:

REMEMBER BAGHDAD

THIS MOTZEI SHABBAT, JANUARY 12 | 8:00 PM

THE FILM TELLS A FASCINATING STORY ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE JEWS OF IRAQ. FOLLOWING THE FILM, EDWIN SHUKER, WHOSE STORY IS AMONG THOSE TOLD, WILL JOIN US FOR A Q & A.



THIS SHABBAT & WEEKEND
Friday Evening: 6:00pm: Dinner and Dvar: We welcome those joining us, Pre-registration required. <u>Location:</u> Belfer Beit Midrash
Shabbat Morning:
IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SHABBAT MORNING: <i>Please store all strollers on LL2 Mezzanine. Any strollers left in the lobby will be moved to LL2. Thank you for your cooperation</i>
8:30am: Parsha Shiur given by Community Educator, Zissy Turner
9:30am: Women's Tefillah Group & Luncheon: We welcome those joining us. (pre-registration required for luncheon). <u>Location:</u> 3rd floor gym
Shabbat Afternoon: 4:20pm: Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. Dvar Torah given by Community Educator, Zissy Turner
Motzei Shabbat: 8:00pm: LSS Film Club presents Remember Baghdad: We welcome those joining us. Cost: \$20 at the door. <u>Location:</u> Ballroom
Sunday Morning: 10:00am: Upper West Side Blood Drive & Genetic Screening: Cost for screening: \$149 and/or register to donate blood by visiting donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/75459 10:00am: Lelamed: A Women's Torah Leadership Initiative: Learn the practical skills to become leaders and educators within our shul community. Please register at www.lss.org/event/lelamed . <u>Location:</u> Rm 206/207

NEXT WEEK & MOTZEI SHABBAT
Tuesday, January 15: Young Professional Women's Learning Session: 8:00pm Join Community Educator, Zissy Turner for a shiur on <i>"I Am Not a Man of Words: Examining Moshe's Speech Impediment."</i> Light refreshments will be served. Register at www.lss.org/event/ypwomen . Address given upon registration.
Motzei Shabbat, January 19: The Segulah Circle: A Performance to Change One's Fortune: 7:30pm: A project of the LSS Chesed Fund: The Segulah Circle Concert-world renowned classical musicians Ittai Shapira and Greg Brown perform in an action that leads to a change in one's fortune! Guaranteed to be an elegant, uplifting event. Please register at www.lss.org/event/segulahcircle . <u>Location:</u> Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
Hashkama Kiddush: Elissa and Bob Burnat in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Bob's father, Benjamin ben Yakov z"l and Bob's uncle, Israel Wruble, Yisroel ben Shlomo z"l.
Main Kiddush: Pareve baked goods kiddush will be held in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.
Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Isaac Showman in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his mother, Julie Showman - לאה בת אברהם.
Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.
Seudah Shlishit: Dr. Ira Friedman in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his beloved father, Dr. Leonard S. Friedman, איתמר בן אריה ז"ל.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 21: Chesed Opportunity: 12:45pm Join GOOD+ Foundation for a fun day of volunteering to create "diaper cakes" for parents in low-income communities throughout New York City. Volunteers will package essential newborn items including diapers, onesies, teething, wash cloths, bibs and socks into cute welcome home gifts to celebrate new babies and alleviate some financial stress for new moms and dads. Volunteers must be at least 10 years or older. Please register at www.lss.org/event/diapercakes.

Wednesday, January 30: No One Left Behind: How JNF Promotes Inclusion in the IDF: 7:00pm The United Congregations for Israel group (of which LSS is a member), together with the Jewish National Fund, invite you to "No One Left Behind: How JNF Promotes Inclusion in the IDF". Lt. Col. Tiran Attia, Director of Special in Uniform, will discuss an innovative program that integrates youth with disabilities into the IDF. Please register at www.jnf.org/nycspecial. Please note this is at an offsite event Location: Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, 30 West 68th Street

Shabbat, February 2: Spanbock Lecture: 11:15am Join us for our fourteenth Annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Lecture in Jewish Ethics. Guest speaker Professor Roy D. Simon will be speaking on "You Have the Right to Remain Silent": Lawyers, Legal Ethics, & Lashon Hara. Please register at www.lss.org/event/spanbock2019. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

Shabbat, February 2: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, January 31st. Location: Rm 206/207

Sunday, February 10: LSS Presents Lelamed: A New Women's Torah Leadership Initiative 10:00am Learn the practical skills to become leaders and educators within our shul community. Please register at www.lss.org/event/lelamed. Location: Rm 206/207

COMMUNITY KOLLEL

On January 8th, Lincoln Square Synagogue launched an exciting new weekly Community Kollel which will continue every Tuesday night from 7:30pm-9:30pm in the Belfer Beit Midrash.

Check out last week's subject titles:

To Give, Or Not to Give, Is it Even a Question? Organ Donation Re-examined with Kollel Member Shmuel Reichman

New Year, New Me? Rosh Hashanah and New Year's Resolutions with Kollel Member Rivka Reichman
What does the Torah have to say about the significance of New Years Eve? Together we explored the concept of returning to each person's root perfection (niddah 30b) and how resolutions and improvements are a return to who we truly are.

Marit Eyin, Societal norms & the Impossible Burger with Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz
This class was a text based Shiur that investigated the interplay between Gemarah, Halacha and Contemporary hot topics.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; Takes place after the 2nd Minyan - Belfer Beit Midrash.

Monday:

- Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky and Dan Munk. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In this class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) to Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Location: Rm 207
- The Journey: An In-Depth Study of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov's Epic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, pt. 3** led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 8:00pm-9:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Tuesday:

- The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am- 11:30am. Location: Rm LL201
- Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:00pm-8:00pm). M'lachim, the Book of Kings - the death of David, the magnificent reign of Solomon and his fall, the split kingdom, the dramatic tales of Elijah and Elisha, and so much more. Join our lively weekly study/discussion group as we analyze, pasuk by pasuk, these exciting Biblical narratives. Location: Rm 211
- Community Kollel** organized by Rabbinic Intern and Teen Director, Zac Schwartz: 7:30-9:30pm. To register please click on the link in the Echod electronic version or email teens@lss.org. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday:

- Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 207

Thursday:

- Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Last Week's Topic: Modeh Ani Location: Rm LL201.
- The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

UPCOMING CHAZZAN SCHEDULE



1/26: Yitro:
Chazzan Yisroel Lesches

2/2: Mishpatim- Mevarchim:
Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

2/16: Tetzaveh:
Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

2/23: Ki Tisa:
Chazzan Yisroel Lesches



LSS is lucky to boast dynamic cantors who each have a beautiful signature vocal sound. Check out our complete chazzan schedule!

Visit www.lss.org/chazzan

HOSPITALITY NEEDS: Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging. Please email hospitality@lss.org with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

Community Educator, Zissy Turner and her husband, Sam, are in need of meals on Jan. 25-26.

LSS Teen Director and Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz and his wife, **LSS Teen Director Rachel**, are in need of meals Feb. 1-2 and meals and lodging on Feb. 15-16.

Weekly Prayer Schedule: January 13						
Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/Maariv	4:40pm	4:40pm	4:40pm	4:45pm	4:45pm	4:45pm

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

זרעים Seedlings (2 years old) Room 210
שורשים Roots (3-4 years old) Room 211
ניצנים Buds (K-1st) Room 208
פרחים Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206
ענפים Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



Shabbat schedule:

10:00 am Drop Off (Rooms 206-211)
 10:45 am Davening, Circle Time, and Healthy Kiddush (Rooms 206-211)
 11:00 am Parsha & Candy: Locusts, Darkness, and *Makot Bechorot* (Rooms 210-211)
 11:00 am Baby & Me (**CANCELLED this shabbat**)
 11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration (Room 206-207)
 11:45 am Groups End

Dvar Torah

Parshat Bo discusses the last three makot or plagues. Moshe warns Pharaoh that arbeh, locusts would arrive and eat up all the vegetation. Pharaoh agrees to release the Jewish people but as soon as the plague is removed, he changes his mind. Moshe then raises his hands to the sky and the ninth plague, choshech or pitch darkness descends. In Perek 10, Verse 22, Rashi comments “Vayehi Choshech Afaylah Sheloshes Yamim,” the first three days were regular darkness but the next three days were of such paralyzing thickness that the Egyptian people couldn’t even stand up. Rashi’s commentary resolves a philosophical debate about the nature of darkness: Is it simply the absence of light or is darkness a creation in itself? Rashi’s response indicates that darkness is also a creation. When Pharaoh again reversed his decision, Hashem committed to one final plague—the death, at midnight, of all firstborn Egyptians.

The Parsha then discusses Korban Pesach. Moshe instructs the Jewish people that on the 15th night of Nissan, they should be prepared to leave. The people offered lambs and spread blood on their two doorposts so that the Angel of Death would not enter their homes. At midnight, G-d smote all the Egyptian firstborns. Pharaoh runs to Moshe in the middle of the night to tell him to leave. The Jewish people had no time to prepare—they didn’t even have time for their dough to rise. Early morning on the 15th of Nissan, the Jewish people depart from Egypt.

After Shul Ask your Children:

- A. How long did each plague last?
- B. When did the Jewish people leave Egypt?
- C. What did the locusts destroy?
- D. What was the 10th and final plague?

Answers:
 A. Seven days
 B. The 15th of Nissan—in the morning
 C. All of the vegetation
 D. Killing of firstborn Egyptians

BABY BASKETS

**We are proud to announce a new and exciting initiative
 Sponsored by Hattie and Josh Danziger:**

Thanks to booming growth in our LSS youth we are excited to launch baby care packages for new parents!

Email youth@lss.org to join the effort



BABY & ME RECAP

This past Shabbat the babes sang *Modeh Ani*, stretched their limbs, and read *How Mitzvah Giraffe Got His Long, Long Neck*, a story book around the lessons and good feelings we get from tzedaka and mitzvot.

Please note that there is no Baby & Me Class this Shabbat.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Motzei Shabbat, 1/19: Pizza and Movie Night: 6:00pm

Wreck-It Ralph. Register at www.lss.org/event/wreckitralph

Sunday, 1/27, Babies & Brunch, Winter Crafts: 10:00am-12:00pm

Sponsored by Estee and Eli Friedman & Debra and Avi Srulowitz

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, 3/17: Purim Carnival: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Sponsors Needed! Email youth@lss.org



Parshat Bo

Dedicated to the upcoming Shevat Yahrzeits of my Mother Winnie Jacobowitz a"h, Aunt Miriam Watkin a"h and Great-Aunt Etta Greenfield Bodoff a"h.

Parshat Bo has a numerical value of 3 (Bet = 2, Aleph = 1), signaling the three last plagues that Hashem inflicts upon Egypt. Moshe is told to bo (go) unto Paroh to tell him what else awaits Egypt. The Lubavitcher Rebbe said that bo also means come with me, and Hashem accompanies Moshe on his journey to Paroh to deliver a personal message.

Why are these final three plagues necessary?

Hashem said "I will bring one more plague upon Paroh and upon Mitzrayim, after which he will release you from here." Here Hashem is telling us that Egypt needed to experience all the ten plagues. Paroh's advisers had said to him "Do you not know that Mitzrayim is ruined?" But Hashem strengthened Paroh's resolve, hardened his heart, and he did not release the Israelites.

In Parshat Bo, we focus on the destruction of the Egyptians as a people, and on the Israelites gaining freedom as a people. Just as the Israelites endured years of slavery, it is now the Egyptians who are being subjugated. Through these final plagues, the Egyptians lose their freedom; they are now enslaved inside their own bodies and paralyzed with fear. The locusts destroy all the food that is left in Egypt so the Egyptians endure starvation. Midrash Rabbah states that because the Egyptians had made the Israelites sow wheat and barley, Hashem brought the locusts to devour all that the Israelites had sown for the Egyptians.

During the plague of darkness, the Egyptians were paralyzed as they could neither see nor move. The Midrash Rabbah says that it was a darkness that could be felt, with substance. Rabbi Nehemiah said it came from the darkness of Gehinnom.

With the final plague, the Egyptians' greatest fears materialized. Their brethren are dying all around them and they don't know who amongst them will be next.

It was not only the lives of the Egyptians that were lost, but their possessions as well. Hashem told each Israelite to ask for gold and silver utensils, and then made the Egyptians look favorably upon them. In this way, the Israelites were able to take the wealth that the Egyptians had accumulated. Rav Kook said that in order to neutralize the attraction of Egypt, it was necessary to impoverish the country so there would be no temptation to go back to this idolatrous land.

The plagues for the Egyptians were miracles for the Israelites. They had to see these open miracles in order to lose their slave mentality and transition to freedom.

Rabbi Benjamin Yudin, commenting on the Steipler's sefer Chayei Olam, speaks about the need for open miracles at that time, when the Israelites needed a direct connection to Hashem. However, the presence of such miracles diminishes the free will of man. Having witnessed open miracles, man is expected to be more accountable. Even small transgressions are treated more seriously.

The first mitzvah given to the Israelites on the eve of their freedom was the sanctification of the moon and the setting of the calendar. While a slave has no sense of time, a free people is always cognizant of time. The Israelites would later have a full calendar of holidays to observe.

We no longer live in an age of open miracles; they are now cloaked in nature. However, miracles are still around us. We just have to look a little harder and we can see Hashem's greatness in all we do.

May we all experience our own personal miracles in all that we individually yearn for and for all of Klal Yisroel.

Shabbat Shalom!