

SHABBAT SCHEDULE	
4:11pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting (Chanukah candles should be lit before Shabbat candles are lit)
Friday Night	
4:15pm	Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson
	LSS Chanukah Dinner: Welcome to those attending the Chanukah dinner. Prior reservations required. <u>Location:</u> Ballroom
Shabbat Morning	
7:40am	Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash. Guest Chazzan Ezra Meyer , Baal Shacharit; Our own Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokolow , Baal Musaf. Followed by Kiddush with jelly donuts and Shabbat Chanukah shiur given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow
9:00am	Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by Chazzan Sherwood Goffin . Drasha given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson on <i>"Chanukah—The Enemy Within"</i> followed by Musaf
9:15am	Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm LL201
9:26am	Latest Shema
9:45am	Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash
10:00am	Youth Groups for children ages 2-12
11:00am	"Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)
Shabbat Afternoon	
2:40pm	Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in the Belfer Beit Midrash
3:10pm	Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald in Rm 211
3:10pm	Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on <i>"Why is the Talmud Authoritative?" (Part 3)</i> .
3:55pm	Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.
5:11pm	Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

HAKARAT HATOV
Mark Hus for writing this week's Dvar Torah.
Hospitality Shabbaton: The test of any program/committee work is watching it being handed over from the original team and seeing it go from strength to strength so a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Judith Weil and Gloria Kestenbaum for your years of work and dedication, and to Ron Goldofsky and Marcy Zwecker for taking over and doing such a wonderful job last shabbat!
Tamar Fix for the inflatable Chanukah bear donated in commemoration of the 10th yahrtzeit of her father, Nachman ben Chaim z"l.
Steve Eisenberg for the inflatable menorah donated in memory of his father, Walter Eisenberg z"l.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
Hashkama Kiddush: The Horwitz family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of their grandfather, Moshe Dovid England z"l.
Main Kiddush: The Seidemann family in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of Hans Seidemann z"l and with eternal gratitude to the Lincoln Square community that Hans loved and considered part of his family.
Beginners Kiddush: Great grandparents Sarah Leah and Lou Vynerib to celebrate the birth of a son, Meir Simcha, born to their grandchildren Yehudis and Tani Einzig in Jerusalem. Mazal Tov to the grandparents, Loren and Reuven Adler and sincere appreciation to Hashem for their daughter Benay's return to good health.
Noach ben Avraham Avinu and Shiri Avraham in the marking of Noach's formal conversion to Judaism and the couples' recent engagement.
Seudah Shlishit: Miriam and Alan Axelrod in memory of Alan's father Herman Axelrod, Yisroel ben Moshe Aharon z"l, whose yahrtzeit will be commemorated on the 5th of Tevet, and in memory of Miriam's father Hymen Wolinetz z"l, whose shloshim will also be commemorated on the 5th of Tevet.

MAZAL TOV
Congratulations to Rabbi Robinson on becoming an American citizen.
Rabbinic Intern & Teen Director Zac Schwartz on his upcoming marriage this Sunday to LSS Teen Director, Rachel Lazarus . Mazal tov to Vicky and Andrew Schwartz, parents of the Chatan who are visiting from Australia. Mazal tov to Tuvia and Ruth Lazarus, parents of the Kallah.
LSS Administrative Assistant Robin Epstein-Kauderer and Ron Kauderer on the birth of a baby girl, Ellie Jordan, (in Hebrew, Shirel Nora).
Grandparents Priva Hannah Simon and Nathan Aaron Rosen on the birth of their first granddaughter, Ariel. Mazal Tov to the parents of Ariel, Shoshana Hadassah Rosen (Priva and Nathan's eldest daughter) and her husband Yair Mashmoor Rosen of Tel Aviv. Mazal Tov to Aunt Tamar Haiya and Uncle Mordechai Baruch Rosen and a special Mazal Tov to great-grandfather, Saba Raba, Arie Simon, of Ra'anana Israel.
Grandmother Olga Ryzowy on the birth of a boy, Rafael Levi to her children Joel and Amanda Ryzowy. Mazal tov to the entire family.
Maurice and Marion Spanbock who are being honored with the title Chaverim at the upcoming Ohr Torah Stone dinner. Our Founding Rabbi Shlomo Riskin is conferring the Mantle of Leadership to former LSS Assistant Rabbi, Rabbi Kenneth Brander on his investiture as President and Rosh Yeshiva of Ohr Torah Stone, which will also be marked at the December 19th dinner.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Sanford and Thelma Hochberg
LSS WINE SEALERS
LSS Wine Sealers: Available for purchase in the LSS office for only \$5! Makes a great Chanukah gift to accompany a bottle of wine.



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.
Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz and his soon to be wife, Rachel are in need of lunch and lodging on Dec. 29-30
Community Educator, Zissy Turner and her husband, Sam, are in need of lunch on Jan. 11-12 and meals and lodging for Feb. 8-9

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 12: Educate Yourself About the Security Issues Affecting Our Community: 7:00pm LSS Security Head, Ian Silver, will be leading two informational sessions, one on Wednesday, December 12th and one on Wednesday, December 19th, covering issues related to securing and protecting our shul, and other Jewish institutions. Please register at www.lss.org/event/security

Shabbat, December 15: Women's Tefillah Group: 9:00am Women/girls join the Women's Tefillah Group for Shabbat morning. Location: Pre-function room

Shabbat, December 15: Shishilicious: 7:00pm LSS, in collaboration with Israeli American Council, invites professionals 40+ to join us for a unique night of cooking. Learn how to make the perfect Kubbeh and enjoy some wine and light refreshments with friends. Members: \$30 Non-Members: \$40. Register at www.lss.org/event/shishilicious

Tuesday, December 18: Asarah B'Tevet Food Drive: 7:00am

We have the opportunity to feed Jewish Homeless New Yorkers. Donate today, so others can eat tomorrow. To volunteer (ages 8+) please email Wendy Baker at wbaker@panix.com.

Wednesday, December 19: Educate Yourself About the Security Issues Affecting Our Community: 7:00pm LSS Security Head, Ian Silver, will be leading two informational sessions, one on Wednesday, December 12th and one on Wednesday, December 19th, covering issues related to securing and protecting our shul, and other Jewish institutions. Please register at www.lss.org/event/security

Wednesday, December 19: LSS Presents Lelamed: A New Women's Torah Leadership Initiative: 8:00pm We are excited to implement a new program that will create a cadre of women with the practical skills to become leaders and educators within our shul community. Location: Rm 206/207

Monday, December 24: An Evening of Chazzanut with The UWS Cantors: 8:00pm More details to follow.

Tuesday, December 25: Yom Iyun: Morning of Torah Study Featuring key note speaker Nechama Price as well as Sarah Robinson, Zissy Turner, and more. More details to follow.

Shabbat, January 5: 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 3rd.

Wednesday, January 9th: Womens Tefilah Group: More details to follow.

Friday Evening, January 11: Dinner and Dvar Warm up your winter Shabbat with an intimate and lively buffet with fellow LSS members catered by Sova Caterers. Guest Speaker: Community Educator, Zissy Turner. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. More details to follow.

Saturday Evening, January 12: Remember Baghdad: 8:00pm A fascinating story about the experience of the Jews of Iraq—a country they called home for 2,600 years until forced to flee for their lives. Narrated in English, the documentary combines vivid home movies, compelling interviews with individuals who lived through the dramatic events of the last century, and archival footage that presents the history of the Middle East through a surprising new lens. We are excited to be joined by Edwin Shuker, whose story is among those told, for a Q & A following the film. Cost: \$15, \$20 at the door. Please register at www.lss.org/form/rememberbaghdad. Location: Beit Midrash

Sunday, January 13: Upper West Side Blood Drive: 10:00am More details to follow.

Sunday, January 13: LSS Presents Lelamed: A New Women's Torah Leadership Initiative 10:00am (See details above)

Wednesday, February 27: Israel & Zionism: The Complete Background Given by Paul Shaviv: 8:00pm Flyer with details below

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. Rm 207
- **LSS Fall Beit Midrash Series: A Nation's Song to its Land: The Land of Israel in Jewish Law & Thought** given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 8:00pm-9:00pm The last session will be on Dec. 10. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Tuesday:

- **(Canceled this week) The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am. 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. Rm 211

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Last Session's topic: Seeking Appropriate Professional Help Rm LL201.
- **(Canceled this week) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm–8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THE SECURITY ISSUES AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Join us as we cover issues related to securing and protecting our shul, and other Jewish institutions. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

- Learn how to identify a suspicious person or package
- Learn how to prepare yourself in case of an emergency
- Learn how to respond in emergency situations
- Learn how to protect you and your family
- Learn why proper security can be so effective
- Learn how this training is relevant to any public situation you may find yourself in

After completing this class, you will be invited to regular training sessions where you'll learn about our building, its security features, what to look for and how to respond in an emergency.

to register visit
www.lss.org/event/security

Weekly Prayer Schedule:

December 9

Day	Sunday (Rosh Chodesh)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:55am	6:15am	6:20am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:00am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:40am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/Maariv	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:15pm
Chanukah Candle Lighting	After 5:00pm					

SPONSOR A SHIUR

To sponsor a shiur please visit www.lss.org/form/sponsorship
Clergy Shiur (\$360) Rabbinic Interns/Community Educators Shiur (\$120)

To read a Dvar Torah written by Harav Amital z"l on The Importance of In-Depth Torah Study : Serving God Through the Intellect,
please visit <https://www.etzion.org.il/en/importance-depth-torah-study>

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: Yakov's Journey Home to
Israel
11:00 am Baby & Me (3rd-floor gym)
11:10 am Recreation and Rehydration
(Room 206-207/Pre-Function)
11:45 am Groups End

Dvar Torah:

This week's Parshat Miketz begins when the Pharaoh of Egypt has two dreams; in the first, he dreams that seven healthy cows emerge from a marsh followed by seven skinny cows who swallow the healthy cows. In the second dream, seven bushels of healthy grain are followed by seven sickly grains. Pharaoh is disturbed and dissatisfied with the interpretations his magicians provide. The chief butler speaks up and tells Pharaoh of Yosef, a Hebrew boy who had correctly interpreted his dream in jail. Yosef is brought before Pharaoh and interprets the dreams as seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine, and tells Pharaoh the dreams happened twice because the plentiful years would start immediately. Yosef advises Pharaoh to appoint someone to store the grain. Pharaoh is so impressed that he appoints Yosef to be the viceroy of Egypt and in charge of the entire grain storage project. After seven years of plenty, the famine strikes beyond Egypt and throughout the entire Middle East.

Meanwhile in Israel, Yakov directs his sons to go down to Egypt to buy grain and instructs each son to enter Egypt through a separate gate. When the brothers come before Yosef, Yosef recognizes them but they don't recognize him—Rashi says that was because Yosef now had a beard (42:8). Yosef accuses his brothers of spying and uses the proof that they'd entered through different gates. When they plead innocence, Yosef tells them to bring their youngest brother to him. The brothers return to Yakov, who refuses to send Binyamin. When the famine got worse, however, Yehuda promises to take personal responsibility for Binyamin. When Yosef sees Binyamin he tells his servant to prepare lunch in his home and to plant his goblet in Binyamin's bag. After the brothers leave again Yosef's servants confront them for stealing the goblet and find it in Binyamin's bag. When Yosef accuses them, Yehuda begs Yosef not to take Binyamin, that the other brothers will all stay instead as servants, but Yosef says that the one who stole it must stay.

After Shul ask your Children:

How did the brothers enter Egypt?
Why does Rashi say that the brothers didn't recognize Yosef?
Which brother took responsibility for Binyamin?
Where did the servants plant Yosef's cup?

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, 12/16: 10:00 AM, Babies & Brunch. Featuring Bagel & Co, musical entertainment, special story time (Parents and Babies Age 0-3)

Thank You:

Talia and Jethro Solomon and Becky and Eitan Kimelman for generously sponsoring the food and entertainment for the next edition of Babies & Brunch.



Shabbat Shalom, Ariella & Mendel



Parshat Miketz

Two Shabbatot ago, Shirley and I were in Holliswood. At Seudah Shlishit, we had the privilege of hearing a talk by Rabbi Mark Weingarten, our former intern. He spoke about faith and, among other things, discussed the Rashi that said that Yosef had displayed a lack of faith when he asked the wine steward to tell Pharaoh what he had done for the wine steward.

After Seudah Shlishit, I asked Rabbi Weingarten if he had ever heard the story of the man who fell overboard and found himself in the ocean. As he struggled to stay afloat, he rejected help from all those who offered (a passing yacht, a helicopter and a military vessel), saying to each: “Hashem ya’azor” (the Lord will help). He ultimately drowned. Upon arriving in the afterworld, he asked the Almighty why He had not helped him. The Almighty told him that he had sent a yacht, a helicopter and a military vessel, but the man refused their assistance. Rabbi Weingarten said that he had heard the story and, understanding the reason for my question, advised me that many commentators had raised questions about Rashi’s suggestion that Yosef was punished for his lack of faith.

It seems to me that the way the text presents the story, Yosef acted properly when he requested the help of the wine steward. The preceding years had presented him with the following reality: He had been sold by his brothers to men who then transported him to a foreign land. Subsequently he was sold into servitude and, thereafter, jailed by his master. He was incarcerated in Egypt with no indication that he had any future outside jail. Did he act faithlessly when he sought the assistance of another human being?

The reason for Rashi’s conclusion is obvious. Last week’s Parsha ends by telling us that the wine steward forgot Yosef. Miketz commences with Pharaoh’s dreams at the end of two years of days. The seamlessness of the narrative suggests that the dreams should have taken place immediately after Yosef had interpreted the dreams of his fellow prisoners. Rashi blames the gap in time on Yosef’s “lack of faith.”

But why then is it the very same wine steward who engineers Yosef’s extrication from prison (after first acknowledging “I am today reminded of my transgression” for failing to previously seek to help the young man who interpreted my dream in prison)? Is he not responding directly to Yosef’s request when he raises the subject of Yosef with Pharaoh? Since he was the vehicle that prompted Pharaoh to release him, wasn’t Yosef right to request his assistance? In the face of all he had suffered to that point was Yosef wrong to try to seek help on his own? Does acting to help yourself or others suggest a lack of faith or a willingness to work with the Almighty to improve your life and/or make the world a better place and improve the lot of humanity?

I respectfully submit that too many times in our history, we Jews have acted like the drowning man, waiting for G-d to save us, instead of acting proactively to work in tandem with Him to bring about a better situation. G-d expects us to be His partners in rectifying the world, not passive bystanders. Yosef will ultimately acknowledge that all that befell him was part of G-d’s master plan. Nevertheless, it could not have come to fruition if Yosef had not worked alongside HaKadosh Baruch Hu to prepare for the seven years of famine. We should all engage in tikkun olam as a confirmation of our strong faith in G-d.

Shabbat Shalom!

This D’var Torah is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Richie Friedman, Z”T”L, a man of great faith, whose entire life and every fibre of his being, was devoted to proactively healing humankind.