

Shabbat Schedule

4:11pm Candle Lighting

Friday Night

4:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

4:30pm Women's Tefillah Group: Kabbalat Shabbat, 3rd floor gym

6:10pm Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton Dinner

Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Shiur given by **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zachary Rothblatt** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary on "Chinuch, Fire, and the Levites: The Timeless Nature of Chanukah"

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**. Sermon given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by Musaf

9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201

9:27am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash led by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.

10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12

11:00am "Baby & Me" (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

Shabbat Afternoon

12:30pm Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton Lunch, Rm 206/207

2:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West

3:10pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211

3:10pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur given by guest speaker, **Professor Shai Secunda** on "A Hidden, Holy Fire: The Zoroastrian Context of Chanukah" in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

3:55pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit. Guest speaker, **Professor Shai Secunda**

5:11pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

5:15pm: Musical Havdalah featuring **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer** and the LSS "House Band"

THIS SHABBAT & WEEKEND

Chazzan Yanky Lemmer will be leading Friday night and Shabbat morning services.

Celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of **Andy Samuels**

Friday 4:30pm • Women's Tefillah Group: Kabbalat Shabbat: 3rd floor gym

Friday Evening and Shabbat Day • Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton

We welcome guest speaker, Professor Shai Secunda who will be giving the Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur and will be speaking at Suedat Shlshit. Professor Shai Secunda is the Jacob Neusner Associate Professor in the History and Theology of Judaism at Bard College, where he teaches Jewish Studies and Zoroastrianism in the Religion Department.

5:15pm: Musical Havdalah featuring Chazzan Yanky Lemmer and the "LSS House Band"

Motzei Shabbat • 8:00pm • Film Committee Presents: No. 17.

In 2002 seventeen people were killed when a bus exploded near Tel Aviv. Sixteen were identified but who was Number 17? In Hebrew with English subtitles. \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Register at www.lss.org/film \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Sunday • 10:00am • Converts in Conversation- Calling all converts to our first brunch! Join us as we discuss the challenges around end-of-the-year holidays. Organized by converts and LSS members, Rachel Zekry and Chaviva Warner. This event is for those that have *completed* the conversion process. Free but please register at www.ruthanddaughters.org. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

NEXT SHABBAT & WEEKEND

Founding Chazzan, Sherwood Goffin, will lead his famous and special Shabbat Davening featuring Hallel and several niggunim in both Shacharit and Musaf. Sing along!

Friday Night Dec. 15 • 5:45pm • LSS Annual Chanukah Buffet

The deadline to register is December 12. To register please visit our homepage and click on the Chanukah flyer

Friday Night, Dec. 15 • Meet the Original Wonder Woman The year is 1982. Yola Reitman is an El AL flight manager. In her spare time, she sails a yacht and scuba dives. Then the Mossad called. Over the next three years, she and her team rescued over 12,000 Ethiopian Jews as part of "Operation Brothers." Yola will share her exploits right after the LSS Chanukah dinner. The true story of Israeli intelligence, courage and chutzpah while embedded in a hostile Arab country reads like a story right out of a spy novel. *The program is free. You are welcome to attend even if you do not register for the dinner.* Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

MAZAL TOV

Robyn and Alan Samuels on the occasion of their son, Andy's, Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to siblings Sophie and Charlie.

Alicia and Jason Schwitzer on the birth of a baby girl.

HAKARAT HATOV

Jesse Cogan for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

WELOME NEW STAFF MEMBER

Alanna Caplin, Program Coordinator

Originally from Dublin Ireland, Alanna moved to England with her family where she spent her childhood and teenage years. Alanna relocated to Israel in 2011 where she graduated from IDC Herzliya with a Bachelors in Communications. She moved to New York in 2014 to complete her Masters of Science in Media Management. Alanna specializes in social media, digital marketing, and content development. Her past experiences and commitment to the Jewish nonprofit world, most recently working for the Orthodox Union, brought her to Lincoln Square Synagogue. She currently resides in Chelsea, New York. Welcome Aboard Alanna!

THANK YOU TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored by the generous contributions to the Fund

Main Kiddush: **Robyn and Alan Samuels** in honor of their son Andy's Bar Mitzvah.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Harry Heching in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his parents Herman and Herta Heching z'l.

Beginners Kiddush: **Bryan Markinson** in honor of the marriage of his son Andrew to Karla.

Seudah Shlishit: **Robyn and Alan Samuels** in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of Alan's uncle Henry Samuels, Hanoch ben Yitzchak z'l.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE : December 10 MINCHA/ MA'ARIV: 4:20pm (Sun-Thurs)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY (Erev Chanukah)	WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY (Chanukah)
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am
Shacharit: 7:10am, 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:00am, 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:10am, 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:00am, 7:40am

END OF THE YEAR REMINDER

Please note that end of the year payments are due to close out any open 2017 balances.
We ask that you kindly send in your 2018 dues.
Thank you!



CHANUKAH @ LSS

Wednesday, December 13 • 7:00pm • Youth Department Latka Cook Off! Visit www.lss.org and click on the flyer to register (CANCELED)

Friday, December 15 • 5:45pm • LSS Annual Chanukah Buffet Dinner— registration is now open! Deadline to register is December 12.

To register please visit <http://www.lss.org/event/lss-chanukah-dinner-.html>

Monday, December 18 • 7:00pm • Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash. Live music by Rabbi Elly Krinsky.

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners

Chanukah Shopping Suggestions:

LSS wine sealers : LSS wine sealers are for sale in the shul office. Use to seal your wine on a daily basis; store bottles easily on their side or on- the-go without fear of leakage. Made of 100% silicone. Silicone is kitchen safe and food grade.

Makes for a great Chanukah and Shabbat gift to bring with your bottle of wine. 5 colors options available: Black, Gold, Pink, Purple and Burgundy. To purchase yours today visit www.lss.org/form/wine-sealers

www.smile.amazon.com: As you shop for gifts, decorations, and more please remember to shop and choose Lincoln Square Synagogue as your charity of choice. LSS will receive a portion of all sales. It only takes a moment but the support is forever appreciated.

West Side Judaica: Please consider purchasing your Chanukah needs and gifts at West Side Judaica and support our local Judaica store in the process.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 28 • Shacharit-Mincha • Asara B'Tevet Food Drive. More details to follow.

Saturday January 6 •Beginners Luncheon. 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 4th.

Sunday January 7 • 10:00– 4:00pm • Upper West Side Blood Drive @ The Jewish Center, a partnership between Congregation Shearith Israel, The Jewish Center, LSS, Darkhei Noam, Young Israel of the West Side, West Side Institutional Synagogue and The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue to provide blood for New York Blood Drive. Join us as we make a difference and save lives in the NYC community. Please be sure to bring a picture ID and to eat before donating. All donors must weigh at least 110 lbs. and be feeling well. If you have questions on medical eligibility, please call 1-800-688-0900. To schedule an appointment, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/UpperWestSideBloodDrive>. Location: The Jewish Center, 131 W 86th Street, 1st Floor Auditorium

Sunday January 7 • 10:00am-11:45am • LSS/Koren Book Launch Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. More details to follow.

Wednesday, January 10 • 7:00pm-9:00pm • A Conversation with Judge Rachel Freier – New York's First Female Hasidic Judge

Co-presented with UJA. More details to follow.

Saturday, January 13 7:30 pm • EL AL Airlines - Israel's Lifeline to the World. Fully illustrated presentation by LSS member Marvin G. Goldman, airline historian, author of 'EL AL: Israel's Flying Star,' collector of over 40,000 items of EL AL memorabilia, and retired corporate lawyer. Marvin's presentation will highlight EL AL's relationship to the history of the State of Israel, in a prelude to their 70th anniversary in 2018. Register at <https://www.lss.org/event/el-al.html>

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are times when, for various reasons, classes may be canceled. If you would like to confirm that any particular class is indeed taking place please call the shul office at 212-874-6100 . To see our full Adult Ed. Brochure please visit our website at www.lss.org

Sunday

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 9:15am-10:00am - Belfer Beit Midrash.
- **Sunday Morning Beit Midrash Program;** 10:15am– 11:45am. Come and join our Rabbinic interns as we begin a new season of the Beit Midrash program. Participants will have the choice of two different tracks of learning: Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Both groups will learn in study groups in the Beit Midrash to create the best learning atmosphere. Breakoff discussions and lectures will follow.

Monday

- **Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In the class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Room 207
- **Visionary: The Writings of Rav Kook** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 8:00pm-9:00pm – Belfer Beit Midrash

Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 10:30am– 11:30am – LL201
- **Introduction to Bible** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; 6:30-8:00pm. This course 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 or register online at www.lss.org/beginners. Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. **This is the final session**
- **Gemara b'Shana** in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:15pm– 8:15pm Belfer Beit Midrash
- **Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzner ; 7:30pm -8:30pm. Room 211

Wednesday:

- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky; 8:00pm-8:45pm - Rm 207

Thursday:

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

Youth Department

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



Parshat Vayeshev

Youth Schedule:

10:00 am - Drop Off (All Groups)
10:30 am - Shabbat Davening (All Groups)
10:50 am - Dream Big (Rooms 206/207)
11:00 am - 'Put the spices in the Pot' - Circle Time (Room 210 & 3rd Floor Gym)
11:00 am - 'Think Before You Speak' Game (Rooms 208 & 211)



December 23rd

"Movie and Pizza Night" featuring Muppet Treasure Island.

Register at <http://www.lss.org/event/youthmovie>

February 25

LSS Purim Carnival

Parsha Vayeshev Theme: Dream Big

Parshat *Vayeshev* tells the story of Yosef. The Parsha begins by telling us that Yakov loved Yosef more than the other sons and gifted him with a special coat. Yosef had two dreams: In the first, he dreamt that he was bundling wheat with his brothers and the other bundles bowed down to him. In the second, he dreamt that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed to him. The brothers hate Yosef for this. Yakov sends Yosef to Shechem to check on how his brothers are doing herding the sheep. When they see Yosef, they plot to murder him. Reuven persuades the other brothers to throw Yosef in a pit but secretly plans to come back later and pull him out. But before Reuven can come back, the brothers see a caravan of slave traders and sell Yosef to them. They then dipped Yosef's special coat in goat's blood as a ploy to convince Yakov that Yosef had been killed by a wild animal. Yosef is then sold to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's top ministers. Potiphar's wife frames Yosef and Yosef is thrown into a dungeon in Egypt where he meets a baker and a butler. They both have dreams and ask Yosef to interpret. Yosef tells the butler that in three days, Pharaoh will restore his position, but in three days the baker will be killed. Yosef asks the butler to remember him when he is released from prison, but the butler forgets. In the last chapter of *Mesechet Brachos*, the Gemara discusses dreams and their meaning. Rav Chisda says that if one has a bad dream, it's a good sign because it will arouse *teshuva*. Rav Chisda also says that a bad dream serves as punishment enough in itself. The Gemara concludes that a dream is how you interpret it, so tell dreams to a Torah scholar and he will interpret them in a positive light.

The Youth Department wishes a special mazal tov to our dear friend Andy Samuels, the left footed soccer star, on his Bar Mitzvah this week.

This week our children will ask:

What was the special gift given to Yosef by Yakov?
Which brother convinced the others to throw Yosef into the pit rather than harm him?
How did the the brothers make Yakov believe that Yosef was killed?
Where was Yosef sold as a slave?
Who purchased Yosef as a slave in Egypt?
Why did Yosef ask the butler to remember him?

Baby & Me

"Baby & Me," a program for parents and their younger children, ages twenty-four months and under. Join us for your baby's first introduction to the youth department with tummy time exercises, musical tefillah, stories, and snacks. "Baby & Me" runs from 11:00am - 11:45am in the gym on the 3rd floor. Please note that while all other Youth Club groups are drop off only, Baby & Me requires that one parent stay with your child for the duration of the program.



Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel

Teen Department

After an outstanding Teen Oneg last Friday, LSS Teens are ready to take on Chanukah with an exciting day of competition, oily foods and lots of Chanukah lights!

Sunday December 17 • 9:30am-12:00pm Join us for Davening, Hallel, Brunch and a special Maccabiah. Location: pre- function room

If you'd like to sponsor a teen Kiddush or event, or stay apprised about upcoming teen events, email us at teens@lss.org. To join our WhatsApp group, add 201-527-8227.

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel

Truth vs. Passion

Meet Joseph.

He is a teenaged goody-goody who prances around in the latest fashion, a gift from his father. His dress showed his father's approval. He was a narcissist and insisted on full control.

When he shared with them his two controlling dreams, the Torah uses the word "hate" to describe how his brothers felt. Not Jealousy. "Hate."

The brothers' chance came when God sent Gavriel to tell him where his brothers were. Joseph only understood that Gavriel was a "man." He failed to see the big picture.

Reuvane felt compassion for Yoseif, not for the Jewish people, but for the lad. He said they should throw him into a pit. He would come back later to pull him out and bring him back to his father. But all he found when he came back was the brothers eating lunch and an empty, dry pit filled with snakes and rats. He tore his garment over his loss. The destiny of the Jewish People escaped him.

Yehuda, played the guilt card "Why should we have his blood on our hands'?", he said. 'Sell him to the Ishmaelite merchants. He saw the hand of God in the approaching caravan. In the middle of this drama, we meet Tamar, the widow of Yehuda's two eldest sons. Yehuda could have denied his fatherhood to Tamar's twins. He could have let Tamar remain a harlot and protect his own reputation. But like Abraham, Isaac and his father, Yehuda was a man of truth.

What we learn is living beyond your dreams can be disastrous. Dreams can be thwarted by death, illness, war, a change in the economy or your mind. Yes, Yoseif's dreams came true, but only for a while. Joseph did not see the big picture. He would be the ruler of the Jews. Period. He didn't see that Jews would suffer and that he would have no control over it.

Rabbi Tzadok Hakohen, the classic example of a Litvak turned Chassid, said: Man is born with two sides of his brain. The imaginative side and the logical side. The more prominent the imagination, the less the logical and the greater the logical, the less the fantasy. Our job (and Joseph's) is to find the right balance between the two.

When Joseph interpreted the dreams of the Sar Hamashkim and the Sar Haofim, his narcissism got to him. He told the Sar Hamashkim, who was to live, to put in a good work for him. He really thought the "the dream master" was in control.

Two more years in the slammer,' said God. 'How dare you forget who really can save you?'

It was God's plan all along - the coat, the dreams, the pit, and the Sar HaMashkim to get the Jews to Egypt where He would redeem them and give them the Torah.

Joseph gave credit only to his personal dream interpretation, his control, and to a purveyor of drinks. There was no emunah - no true acceptance of God running the show. It was about Joseph and Joseph alone.

His descendant, Moshiach ben Yoseif, would find the lost tribes, be responsible for gathering the exiles and be the warrior who would fight Gog UmaGog. He would die in the process.

Moshiach ben Yosef represented the suffering of Jews through the ages - the opposite of a permanent leader. That was reserved for Moshiach ben Dovid, Yehuda and Tamar's descendants.

After Moshiach ben Yoseif is killed, the PR man, Eliyahu Hanovi, would announce to the world that the Messiah of Peace was coming. Three days later Moshiach ben Dovid would come - the Messiah we are all waiting for.