

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

4:11pm Shabbat Candle Lighting  
**Friday Night**  
4:15pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.  
Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**  
**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** on *"Give Me Liberty (from Embarrassment) or Give Me Death!"*  
9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** followed by Musaf  
**Women's Tefillah Group:** Women/girls join the Women's Tefillah group for Shabbat morning. Location: Pre-function room  
9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201  
9:30am 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**  
2:45pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash  
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)  
3:15pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211  
3:15pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on *"Why is the Talmud Authoritative?" (Part 3)*.  
4:00pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. **Yifat Sela** will be speaking.  
5:12pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends  
7:00pm **Shishilicious:** Welcome to those attending the Shishilicious event. Prior registrations required.

## REMINDER

**Reminder that Tuesday is the fast of Asarah B'Tevet**

## MAZAL TOV

**Eitan and Becky Kimelman** on the birth of a baby girl.  
**Former Assistant Rabbi Shalom Morris** and **Andrea Rosen** on their engagement.  
Grandparents **Shelle and Rabbi Saul Berman** on the birth of a son, **Moshe Velvel**, to their children **Esther and Rafi Lefkowitz**.

## LSS WINE SEALERS

LSS Wine Sealers: Available for purchase in the LSS office for only \$5! Makes a great gift to accompany a bottle of wine.

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Rabbi Charles Savenor** for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

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Yifat is a participant on Gesher's Project Community delegation, which exposes leaders of Israeli society to the vibrancy of Diaspora Jewry. Yifat is the CEO of Aluma- an organization that helps young women acquire knowledge, tools and skills to help them transition from high school to their national service. She holds B.A in Israel studies, and an M.A in Gender studies and Law. She is a Graduate of the Maoz program and a member of the board of NGO's. Sela lives in Modiin with her husband and four children.

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### Hashkama Kiddush:

**Paula Gantz** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Malka bat Mendel Wolf a"h and Yisroel ben Gershon Gantz z"l.

**Sandy Gross** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her grandmother, Ester bas Menachem Mendel and Mindel a"h.

**Gad Cabessa** in loving commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his daughter, Michal Ahuva bat Gad a"h.

**Deborah Bendheim** in loving commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Tzadok Rafael Ben Naftali HaKohen z"l.

**Main Kiddush:** **Becky and Eitan Kimelman** in honor of the naming of their daughter.

### Beginners Kiddush:

**Beatrice Stoller** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her beloved brother, Solomon Mazur, Shlomo ben Yitzchak z"l.

**Irwin Mandel** in commemoration of the 63rd yahrtzeit of his father, Benjamin Mandel z"l and in honor of Rabbi Buchwald.

### Seudah Shlishit:

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**Deborah Bendheim** in loving commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her father, Tzadok Rafael Ben Naftali HaKohen z"l.

**Dr. Ira Friedman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his beloved wife, Erika, Rivka Rachel bas Yosef a"h.

**HOSPITALITY NEEDS:** Please host our Rabbinic Intern and Community Educator for Shabbat meals and /or lodging.

Please email [hospitality@lss.org](mailto:hospitality@lss.org) with the subject line "Intern" and your availability to meet our current needs.

**LSS Teen Director and Rabbinic Intern, Zac Schwartz** and his wife, **LSS Teen Director Rachel**, are in need of lodging on Dec. 29-30 and housing and meals for Jan. 4-5, Jan. 18-19, and Feb. 1-2

**Community Educator, Zissy Turner** and her husband, Sam, are in need of meals and lodging for Feb. 8-9

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday, December 18: Asarah B'Tevet Food Drive: 7:00am—4:00pm

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](mailto: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 the second informational session 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](http://www.lss.org/event/security)

### Thursday, December 20: 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. Please register at [www.lss.org/event/lelamed](http://www.lss.org/event/lelamed). Location: Rm 206/207

### Monday, December 24: An Evening of Chazzanut with The UWS Cantors: 8:00pm

Sign up now for a Chazzanus concert/dinner with Yanky and his colleagues. Please register at [www.lss.org/event/chazzanconcert](http://www.lss.org/event/chazzanconcert). Location: Ballroom

### Tuesday, December 25: Yom Iyun: From Goshen to Gotham City: Keeping Torah Alive in Exile: 9:30am

Featuring key note speaker Nechama Price as well as Shiffy Friedman, Sarah Robinson, Zissy Turner, and Sarah Rindner. There will be a \$5 cover charge. Please register at [www.lss.org/event/yomiyun2018](http://www.lss.org/event/yomiyun2018). Location: Beit Midrash

### Shabbat, January 5: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm

The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners) or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, January 3rd.

### Wednesday, January 9th: Womens Tefillah 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: LSS Film Club presents 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](http://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 Piazesky 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
- **The Journey: An In-Depth Study of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov's Epic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** led by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld: 8:00pm-9:00pm This will be a 2 session class meeting on the following dates: Dec. 17, Dec. 24 Location: 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: (this week from 7:30pm-8:30pm). 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
- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Rm 207

### Wednesday:

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### Thursday:

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

*Asarah B'Tevet*  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
December 18  
Shacharit-Mincha

Donate today,  
so others can eat tomorrow!

Through project ORE,  
we have the  
opportunity to feed  
Jewish Homeless  
New Yorkers

**FOOD DRIVE**  
your donation  
helps  
families in need

Small packaged non-  
perishable foods like  
canned/dry fruit & vegetables,  
crackers, peanut butter,  
canned/jarred fish, tea, coffee,  
powdered creamer...

Food must be **KOSHER** with a  
good hechsher!

Grateful for volunteers ages 8+  
Please email Wendy Baker at [wbaker@panix.com](mailto:wbaker@panix.com) for more info.

**LINCOLN SQUARE**  
SYNAGOGUE

Shabbat Shalom!

### Weekly Prayer Schedule: December 16

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday (Fast of the 10th of Tevet)	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:00am	6:20am	6:15am	6:20am
Fast Begins			6:03am			
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	6:50am, 7:30am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Mincha/Maariv	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:05pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm
Fast Ends			5:02pm			

## SPONSOR A SHIUR

To sponsor a shiur please visit [www.lss.org/form/sponsorship](http://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: Code Names, Yosef's True Identity  
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:

Last week's Parsha ended when the Egyptian army found Yosef's silver goblet in Binyamin's saddle bag and Yosef declared that Binyamin will be imprisoned for his crime. This week's Parshat Vaygiash begins when Yehuda approaches Yosef and asks that he please not arrest Binyamin as he's the youngest child of their elder father and it would break his heart, so instead to arrest him. Yehuda pleads his case that he is older, stronger, more experienced, and will add more value. Yosef starts to get emotional and can no longer keep up the act. Yosef sends his guards away while he reveals his true identity and tells the brothers, do not be afraid, this was part of Hashem's plan because now he is in a position to help the family, Yosef tells them to bring their father because there are five more years of famine coming. The brothers returned to Kannan, but were afraid to tell Yakov the news because Yakov was now 130 years old and for the last 22 years, had thought Yosef was dead. They didn't want to put him into shock.

Serach, the daughter of Asher played the harp. The brothers asked their niece to play a calming song on the harp and sing the lyrics, "Yosef is alive." When Yakov overheard this song, he approached Serach to ask what this silly song was. Serach then told Yakov that Yosef is really alive and is the ruler of the Egypt. The brothers then confirmed and that night, Hashem appeared to Yakov in a dream and told him don't be afraid, he should go down to Egypt.

### After Shul Ask Your Children:

- Who volunteered themselves in place of Binyamin?
- How old was Yakov in this week's Parsha?
- Why didn't the brothers want to tell Yakov outright that Yosef was alive?
- Who revealed to Yakov that Yosef was still alive?

### Thank You:

**Talia and Jethro Solomon and Becky and Eitan Kimelman** for sponsoring the next edition of Baby & Me, this Sunday!

### Mazal Tov:

**Becky and Eitan Kimelman** and big brother Nate Kimelman on the birth of their new baby girl! We can't wait for her to join Baby & Me!

### Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, 12/16: 10:00 AM**, Babies & Brunch. Music with Tkiyah, and Llama Llama Learns to Read story time. (Parents and Babies Age 0-3)



Shabbat Shalom, Ariella & Mendel



## The Search for Our Brothers

The moment of truth has arrived. With Benjamin framed for stealing, and sentenced to enslavement, Joseph waits to see how Jacob's other sons will respond. Joseph believes that his well-orchestrated ruse will finally expose his brother's true colors. In the end, the significance of what Joseph learns surpasses even his wildest dreams.

This week's *parshah* opens with Judah appealing to the Egyptian viceroy, Joseph, his brother, to free Benjamin and to enslave Judah in his place. Judah's eloquent petition recounts his brothers' interaction with this Egyptian official as well as the familial circumstances of Jacob's household. Benjamin, the youngest son in the family, occupies a valued place in their father's eyes, because he is the last living remnant of Jacob's deceased wife, Rachel. In conclusion, Judah asserts that if he were to return home to Canaan without Benjamin, he could not bear to see his father's immediate and long-term pain and suffering.

Judah's words arouse Joseph's soul, so much so that Joseph makes himself known to his brothers. Witnessing Joseph's intense reaction to Judah's appeal, what does Judah say or do that compels Joseph to reveal himself at this moment?

As soon as Joseph "unmasks" himself, he urges his brothers not to be upset about their selling him into slavery many years before. He believes fervently that God's preordained plan for him involves maintaining life for Jacob's family and the civilized world.

As Jacob's family settles in Egypt, the first act of the covenantal epic of the children of Abraham comes to a close. With such an immense epiphany that his dreams are realized and that the future of his people seems certain, how could we expect Joseph to contain his emotions?!

The reoccurring Hebrew word for brother, "*ach*," in Genesis 45, suggests that Judah's passionate plea on behalf of Benjamin has significance beyond their own family's story. Joseph hears Judah's words on a deeper level and in a larger context that affects all the children of Adam and Eve.

Sustaining brotherhood represents humanity's first ongoing challenge upon being expelled from Eden. After slaughtering his brother, Cain utters the timeless question, "*Hashomer achi anochi*," "Am I my brother's keeper?" The overarching challenge of being one's brother's keeper, however, persists throughout Genesis. Generation after generation fails to get along with one another as jealousy, competition and greed get in their way.

At the beginning of his amazing odyssey, Joseph ventures to talk to his brothers on his father's behalf. Having lost his way, Joseph speaks to a stranger, who asks Joseph what he wants. "I am seeking my brothers." (Genesis 37:16) What sounds like a straightforward request for his brothers' physical location constitutes, in actuality, a deep-seated desire to live in harmony with them. Joseph's words can also be understood as his personal quest to respond to the question Cain posed generations before him, as to how truly to be one's brother's keeper.

In our story today, Joseph is overwhelmed by Judah's compassion not only for his father, but also for his brother, Benjamin. Judah is willing to take the place of his brother so as not to contribute to his father's pain. Judah has learned from the loss of his own two sons what loss can do to one's soul. Aviva Zornberg expounds in *Genesis: The Beginning of Desire*: "Initiated into the fellowship of pain, Judah becomes capable of investing the whole force of his personhood into preventing its recurrence." With his compassion and courage, Judah demonstrates before Joseph's very eyes what it means to be a brother.

As Judah's *teshuvah* unfolds before his very eyes, Joseph loses control of his emotions because not only will his family be reunited, but also humanity has finally proven that it can shoulder the responsibility of brotherhood.

May our generation be blessed with the courage and compassion to actualize this prophetic dream when the world needs it most.

Shabbat Shalom!