

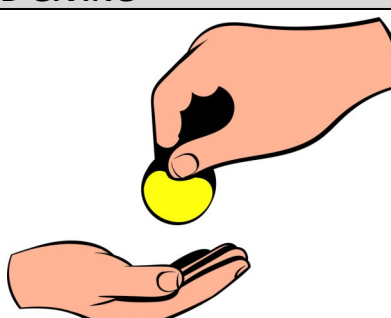
SHABBAT SCHEDULE	
4:17pm	Light Chanukah Candles before this time followed by Shabbat Candle Lighting
Friday Night	
4:20pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld . Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer .
Shabbat Morning	
7:40am	Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by a shiur on the third floor given by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow .
9:00am	Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld followed by Musaf. Davening led by Chazzan Yanky Lemmer .
9:15am	Beginners Service led by Dr. Leonard Davidman in Rm LL201
9:37am	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, Rm 208/210)
Shabbat Afternoon	
2:50pm	Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler in Rm 206/207
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)
3:20pm	Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with Rabbi David Freedman in Rm 211
3:20pm	Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld on " <i>Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai and How to Do a Mitzvah</i> "
4:05pm	Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.
5:19pm	Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends. Light Chanukah candles <i>after</i> this time

HAKARAT HATOV
Evan Sehgal for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSURE
The building will be closed following Mincha/Ma'ariv on both December 31 and January 1. The office will be closed on January 1.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored by the generous contributions to the Fund.
Main Kiddush: The Seidemann family in commemoration of the second yahrtzeit of Hans Seidemann z"l and with eternal gratitude to the Lincoln Square Community that Hans so loved and considered part of his family.
Beginners Kiddush: Sponsored in loving memory of Farokh and Shmuel Shoshani z"l and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.
Seudah Shlishit: Alan and Miriam Axelrod in memory of Alan's father, Herman Axelrod, Yisroel ben Moshe Aharon z"l, whose Yahrtzeit is on the 5th of Tevet.

MAZAL TOV
Leslie and Jeremy Berdugo on the birth of a baby boy.
Elie and Sara Kravitz on the birth of a baby girl.

YEAR END GIVING	
<p>Ways to Give and Support Lincoln Square Synagogue:</p> <p>Tax-Wise Strategies to Easily Maximize Your End-Year Gifts:</p> <p>Closing out past membership dues and charges, Gifts of Cash, Gifts of Appreciated Securities, IRA Charitable Rollover, A tax free gift from your IRA, Gifts in Your Will or Revocable Trust, Gifts of Retirement Assets, Gifts of Real Estate, Gifts of Life Insurance, Long term appreciated securities</p> <p>If you have any questions please contact the shul office at info@lss.org or call 212-874-6100.</p> <p>To pay your balance online please visit www.lss.org/payment. Online payments can be made until 11:59pm THIS Monday, December 31.</p> <p><i>Reminder: you must be logged in.</i></p>	

Weekly Prayer	Schedule:					
Day	Sunday: Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh Tevet	Monday: Chanukah	Tuesday:	Wednesday: New Year's Day	Thursday:	Friday:
Daf Yomi	7:55am	6:15am	6:20am	7:45am	6:15am	6:20am
Shacharit	7:00am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:40am	7:10am, 7:50am	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:50am	7:10am, 7:50am
Shabbat Candle Lighting						4:23pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:25pm	4:25pm	4:25pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:25pm
Chanukah Candle Lighting	After 5:08pm					



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 26:

- **Challah and Cake Sale: 6:00pm-7:00pm** To preorder, please email pastry@susez.com. Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer
- **Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash: 7:00pm**
Live music by Psachya Septimus. Cost: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.

Saturday, January 4: Beginners Luncheon: 12:30pm

Cost: \$25. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, January 2. Special meal requests must be submitted no later than Tuesday, December 31.

Motzei Shabbat, January 4: Children of the Inquisition: 7:30pm

Back by popular demand, LSS and Congregation Shearith Israel present a second showing of Children of the Inquisition. This film explores the history and experiences of Sephardi Jews following the Spanish and Portuguese Expulsions. Rabbi Marc Angel will be speaking after the film. Cost: Early Bird: \$15, \$20 at the door.

To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/film.

Sunday, January 5: Daf Yomi Kickoff: 9:15am

Join us as the world wide cycle of Daf Yomi begins over again! We will be celebrating this milestone by coming together to study the first page of the Talmud all together. The entire community is invited to participate. It will be followed by a celebratory breakfast. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/dafyomi.

Shabbat, January 11: Minyan and Meaning:

The Soulful Experience: 9:30am

Join LSS and Kol HaNeshamah on a unique spiritual journey to the heart with prayer, enchanting melodies, and fascinating, modern explanatory insights into the service and weekly parsha. Hear insights from **Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz** and

Rabbi Shaul Robinson with a fusion of R&B/jazz from the renowned **Chazzan and artist Mo Kiss** and enjoy our famous mid-service Kiddush. Location: Pre-function room

Sunday, January 12: On the Wings of Eagles: Israel's Mass Aliya in the First Years of the State: 10:30am

In the first five years of its existence, Israel doubled its population. Immigrants poured in from war torn Europe and from the Arab countries. In this program, Jewish historian Shulie Mishkin will use texts, songs, and stories to explain how the fledgling state absorbed this huge wave and what effect the immigrants and the state had on each other. Bagels & coffee will be served.

Cost: \$10 in advance \$15 at the door.

To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/wingsofeagles.

Sunday, February 2: LSS Presents A Mother Daughter Lunch and Learn: 12:00pm

Join our Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty, for this four part mini series. We invite you to connect with your daughters through Torah study, a delicious lunch, and through the empowerment of coming together with other Jewish women. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/miniseries. *Lunch generously sponsored by Sarah Nash in honor of her daughters, Gaby and Elana Nash, and in memory of their great grandmothers, Gertrude Silverman, Charlotte Siris, Chickie Witten, and Lily Nash.*

We are looking for sponsors for the last two classes. If you are interested in sponsoring the lunch portion, please email info@lss.org. Thank you and we look forward to learning together!

Sunday, February 9: Mental Health First Aid Training: 10:00am to 6:00pm Presented by Lincoln Square Synagogue, Congregation Ohab Zedek, The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, and West Side Institutional. MHFAT provides proven practices that will help you recognize the early signs and symptoms of mental illness and substance misuse. Certificate of completion will be presented to participants. This training will be a mixture of lecture style and breakout sessions facilitated by a mental health professional. Lunch will be provided. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/mentalhealth.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

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

Monday:

- **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein** 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. This year, we will have a special focus on Israeli poetry. Location: Rm 206/207
- ***(Please note the date and room change) Introduction to Bible Class** led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30pm-8:00pm. This will be the final class. Location: Rm 208/210

Tuesday:

- ***(Cancelled this week) The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am– 11:30am. Location: Rm LL201

Wednesday:

- ***(Will resume January 8) Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm Location: Rm 207

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Last Week's Topic: Who Gets the Gift for Chanukah? Location: Rm LL201.
- ***(Cancelled this week) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
- ***(Please note the date change) Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 211

WHAT A JEW BELIEVES: PRACTICING FAITH IN A SKEPTICAL WORLD

Join Rabbi Shaul Robinson as he offers this exciting new mini series for beginners, intermediate, and advanced alike!

01/20 @ 1:00pm & 01/22 @ 7:00pm

G-d - Does He exist, and what does He want from me?

01/27 @ 1:00pm & 01/29 @ 7:00pm

The Jewish People - Chosen, but why? And For What?

02/03 @1:00pm & 02/05 @ 7:00pm

Prayer - Does G-d listen? And why is shul always the same?

02/10 @ 1:00pm & 02/12 @ 7:00pm

Torah From Heaven? Did G-d really speak and does He ever change His mind?

02/17 @ 1:00pm & 02/19 @ 7:00pm

The Money in My Pocket - Who does it belong to and what should I do with it?

CSS SECURITY

Community Security Service (CSS), a not-for-profit organization is now in many synagogues in the tri-state area. The team participates in ongoing training each year and collaborates closely with the NYPD, CSS and security teams at other synagogues. CSS will be providing the following courses so now is the time to join the LSS Security Team:

January 2020 – Active Shooter Training

February 2020 - L2, Advanced training

February 2020 – ROAM, advanced training course for "YP"

Qualifications – You'll need to be a member of LSS, be fit and able to stand guard outside of the Synagogue and complete the L1 Basic Training. To apply please email security@lss.org quoting: Each course of interest, Name (first, last), Contact number (cell phone) and any Affiliations to Jewish Organizations

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN 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

Schedule:

10:00 am Drop-Off (Rooms 208/210, 211)
 11:00 am Davening, Circle Time and Baby & Me (208-210)
 11:10 am Recreation, Games, and Rehydration
 11:30 am Chanukah Songs & Stories
 11:45 am Groups End

Important Note:

Youth Directors, Ariella and Mendel Lazaros are away this Shabbat. Please direct any questions directly to the Youth Leadership Team.

Upcoming Events: To sponsor an event please email youth@lss.org

Shabbat, January 10: Youth Department Shabbat Dinner

To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/youthdinner.

Sunday, January 12: Teen Department Presents Words to Action: Empowering Students to Address Anti-Semitism: 6:00pm

Join us in this interactive program that provides youth (middle school to college), family members, and communities to increase their understanding and ability to address anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias that crosses the line. All participants will receive a certificate of completion. To register, please visit www.lss.org/wordstoaction.
 Sponsored by Estee and Elli Friedman.

Motzei Shabbat, February 8: Teens Musical Havdalah with Chazzan Lemmer

Save the date. More information to follow.

Shabbat, February 22: Parshat Mishpatim Teen Minyan: 10:00am

Sunday, March 8: LSS Annual Youth Department Purim Carnival

Save the date. More information to follow.

Dvar Torah:

On Chanukah we celebrate several miracles. When the mighty Greek army tried to overtake *Bnei Yisrael*, *Hashem* was at our side; the brave Maccabee warriors overcame all odds, and took back our homeland, Israel, and the holiest of holies, the *Beit Hamikdash* (Holy Temple). After finding one pure portion of oil, the *Kohen Gadol* (High Priest) lit the *menorah* (candelabra), a beacon of light which lasted eight days, eight nights, and exceeded expectations. Today, we each light our own Menorahs to symbolize the same light; despite hardships, external wars, and internal battles, we light our Menorah, subsequently lighting our *neshamas* (Jewish souls).

There is a famous argument in the Gemara about how we start to light the menorah; do we start with one light and build up to eight or do we start with eight and go down to one? The answer is that we start at one and build our way up, because starting small and growing is what it means to be Jewish. May we increase in *mitzvot* (good deeds), improve in our relationship with *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* (the Holy One Blessed Be He), and merit to exceed expectations.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

1. What were the miracles of Chanukah?
2. Who fought in the battle of Chanukah?
3. How many sons did Matityahu have?
4. What is the significance of the oil lasting eight days?

Answers:

1. Against all odds, the Maccabees won a war against the Greek army.
2. One day's worth of oil produced eight days of light and energy.
3. The Maccabees
4. In those days it took eight days to make new oil and get it to the Beit Hamikdash

Questions:

- A. What does "Miketz" mean?
- B. In Pharaoh's first dream, what did the lean cows do to the fat cows?
- C. How did Joseph interpret Pharaoh's two dreams?
- D. How old was Joseph when he met Pharaoh?
- E. What did Joseph name the sons born to him and Osnat?
- F. Which of Joseph's 11 brothers did not come to purchase grain in Egypt?
- G. How did Joseph greet his brothers, whom he had not seen in more than 20 years?
- H. RASHI BONUS QUESTION: Why, of all the brothers, did Joseph detain Shimon? (2 reasons)
- I. What did Joseph have put into the grain nsacks of the 9 brothers returning to Canaan?
- J. What did Joseph do when his brothers finally brought Benjamin to Egypt?

Answers:

- A. At the end (of two years)
- B. They ate them
- C. There would be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine
- D. 30
- E. Ephraim and Manasseh
- F. Benjamin, the youngest, since Jacob was afraid misfortune would befall him
- G. He accused them of espionage and threw them into prison
- H. Shimon had thrown Joseph into the pit and he feared that Shimon and Levi would wreak havoc
- I. Grain, provisions, and the cash they had paid
- J. He invited them to lunch



DVAR TORAH

Parshat Miketz/Shabbat Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh Tevet
December 27-28
By: Evan Sehgal

What is so bad about being rich and powerful? I will tell you. One becomes so preoccupied with preserving his privilege that he suffers both physically and psychologically. A college friend of mine became famous describing the inordinately high levels of adrenaline and cortisol (stress hormones) in African alpha-male gorillas who were suspicious that every other gorilla might be the next usurper. Pharaoh was no different.

There are four ways for a monarch to be deposed and Pharaoh was worried about each.

1. Pharaoh could be the victim of palace intrigue. He had to be most suspicious of those closest to him such as the butler and baker. The Torah does not describe what "offense was committed by the Egyptian king's butler and baker against their master, the king of Egypt" (40:1), but whatever it was, it "enraged" Pharaoh (40:2). According to the Midrash, Pharaoh suspected one of them might try to poison him. The butler didn't notice a fly in Pharaoh's cup of wine. Both the butler (as manifest in his dream of serving Pharaoh again) and Pharaoh (when he calmed down) understood it was an accident unrelated to his task of pressing grapes. Three days later, on Pharaoh's birthday, the butler was reinstated (40:22). However, the baker's crime was carelessness or incompetence in his job. He allowed a stone to be baked into Pharaoh's bread. That was unforgivable; the baker was hanged (40:22).
2. Pharaoh could be the overthrown in a palace coup. Delegating authority is the only way to administer a vast empire, but the ruler has to be careful not to concentrate too much power in the hands of a potential rival. Often the leader of the army presents the gravest danger. However, if one person controlled the wealth of Egypt, if he paid the salaries of both the army and the priests ("the priests had an allowance from Pharaoh" 47:22), and he controlled the food supply, he would be an even greater threat. In Parshat Miketz, Pharaoh invests such power in one person, Yosef. "You shall be over my house and by your word shall my people be fed" (41:40). What a stroke of brilliance to select a capable Jew who could never himself become Pharaoh.
3. There are several reasons Pharaoh could sleep at night after appointing Yosef "the hand of the king." First, the Egyptians had such disdain for the Jews that even when Joseph became Viceroy, the Egyptian guards would not sit and eat at the same table with him (43:32). It is hard to imagine the army would obey Yosef if he were to try to seize power. Second, Yosef was trustworthy. Do you think Pharaoh did not send the FBI to vet Yosef before he was brought before him? In a similar position of responsibility as overseer of Potiphar's house, Yosef was scrupulously honest. Third, Yosef was always careful to give credit to Hashem for his talent and success. "It is not I but G-d who will respond to the

peace of Pharaoh" (41:16). After such repeated public declarations, how would Yosef suddenly promote his own ability? Finally, Pharaoh appointed Yosef with the approval of the court insiders. "Pharaoh said to his servants, 'can [another] one like this be found?'" (41:38). With consent comes responsibility. The nobility would now have an incentive to monitor Yosef's conduct.

4. Pharaoh could be conquered in battle. Indeed, there is archaeological evidence that Egypt was invaded several times during the reign of the Pharaohs. It was entirely reasonable that this Pharaoh was concerned the populous and unassimilated Israelites might become a fifth column in time of war. "Come let us deal wisely with him [the Israelites] lest he increase so much, that, if there is war, he will join our enemies and fight against us driving us from the land" (Shemot 1:10). Pharaoh could have integrated the Israelites into Egyptian society and perhaps made them loyal citizens. Nevertheless, the Israelites preferred to remain apart in Goshen (preserving their distinct names, clothing, and language). Even if the Israelites had agreed, a paranoid despot could never be absolutely certain of their fidelity. Instead, Pharaoh chose to crush the imagined threat while he still could. "Every [Jewish] boy who is born must be thrown into the river [and drowned]" (Shemot 1:22).

Finally, Pharaoh could be swept away in a popular revolt. An economic calamity could galvanize his subjects against him. People become desperate when they are starving and afraid. That was Pharaoh's particular preoccupation the night of his dreams, and Yosef recognized that both of Pharaoh's dreams were rooted in this same insecurity. With the Nile as a steady source of irrigation, one took the food supply for granted; but what if there was a catastrophic famine? What would happen to Pharaoh if Egypt became lean and gaunt like "I never saw in the entire land of Egypt" (41:19)? The crisis of lean years would erase the memories of years of plenty. The healthy cows were eaten by the thin and sickly cows. "They came inside them, but it could not be recognized that they had come inside of them, their appearance was as bad as it was previously" (41:21).

Dreams are not prophesy (unless G-d specifically wants them to be). They are a reflection of the psychological preoccupation and turmoil of the dreamer. Happy dreams are wish-fulfillment often with physically impossible outcomes. Nightmares force a person to prepare himself to face his worst fears with all their awful implications.

Poor Pharaoh. He thinks everything he achieved was due to his own strength and skill; therefore, it was up to him to defend it. To that end, he is willing to become a torturer and a murderer, or fight to the death with anyone, even with G-d Himself (plagues and Yam Suph). And all the while Pharaoh doesn't get much rest. Who is really rich? One who knows that everything is from Hashem and is satisfied with what he has. (Pirkei Avot 4:1) אִיזְהוּ עֹשִׁיר, הַשֹּׂמֵחַ בְּחַלְקוֹ

Shabbat Shalom

We are currently looking for writers for:

Shabbat Pesach (4/11)

Parshat Shmini (4/18)

Parshat Tazria-Metzora (4/25)

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