

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

4:12pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday Night

4:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**. Davening led by **Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**.

Shabbat Morning

7:45am 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 **Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff** on "Lincoln's Thanksgiving: Yaakov's Lighthouse" followed by Musaf. Davening led by **Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**.

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

9:21am 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

2:45pm 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 **Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff** on "Torah and the Modern Nation State"

4:00pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.

5:12pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama Kiddush: Yehudit and Jeffrey Neuman in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Yehudit's mother, Avigayil bat Chaim a"h.

Main Kiddush: Carol Hornug and Barbara Epstein in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of their friends Ruth Englander, Eleanor Jakobovitz, Pearl Glassberg, and Rhoda Turkel a"h.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

Pinhas Zekry in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his grandmother, Rachel bat Freha a"h and Rabbi David HaCohen z"l.

Co-sponsored anonymously.

Beginners Kiddush: Simi Cohen and Irwin Mandel in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Irwin's sister, Beatrice Miller a"h and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

Seudah Shlishit: Gary, Noam, and Tova Miller in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Gary's father and Noam and Tova's grandfather, Nathan Miller, Natan Ben Yosef z"l.

YEAR END GIVING

Your generous end-of-year donation ensures the smooth year-round operation of the synagogue and the critical community infrastructure it maintains: including our learning programs, LSS community events, local eruv, building maintenance costs and our increased security costs. Please remember to support Lincoln Square Synagogue in your year-end giving by fulfilling your outstanding pledges, remitting payment on open balances or by making a general donation before December 31. To ensure that your contributions to the shul can be used as tax deductions for the 2019 calendar year, please make your payments as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact the shul office at info@lss.org or call 212-874-6100. To pay your balance online please visit www.lss.org/payment. *Reminder: you must be logged in.*

REMINDER

Don't forget to begin saying v'tain tal umatar livracha with the Ma'ariv Amida on Thursday night, December 5.

HAKARAT HATOV

Fred Ehrman for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Dr. Jeremy Novich

MAZAL TOV

Francine and Jay Cinamon on the birth of a baby boy to their children Robin and Lawrence Cinamon.

Joan Papier and Dr. Henry Lieberman on the marriage of their granddaughter Daniella, daughter of Julie and David Papier to Duvi, son of Judy and Dr. Marty Grumet.

Judy and Joel Schreiber on the marriage of their granddaughter Carly Schreiber to Sammy Rausch.

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

E: hospitality@lss.org Subject: "Interns"

LSS Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff is in need of meals and lodging on Dec 20-21.

LSS Community Intern, Mindy Schwartz Zolty and her husband, Yoni are in need of lunch on Dec 14 & Jan 4.

Weekly Prayer

Schedule:

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/Ma'ariv	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:15pm

Shabbat Shalom!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 5: Challah and Cake Sale: 6:00pm-7:00pm

To preorder, please email pastry@susez.com

Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer

Motzei Shabbat, December 7: LSS Films Present:

Children of the Inquisition: 7:00pm

Registration is now closed.

Unfortunately, there is no availability for walk ins.

Tuesday, December 10: Israel: It's Complicated: 7:00pm

Join us for an in-depth, thought provoking presentation covering key social policy issues in Israel, including education, welfare, labor markets, healthcare and the demographic shifts that affect these areas. The presentation will also cover the paradox of the Start-Up Nation, how while Israel's high-tech sector is admired around the world, income inequality is high and the poverty rate is among the highest in the western world. The speaker will be Avi Weiss, President of the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel. Admission is free but please register in advance to help us plan; please visit www.lss.org/event/itscomplicated.

Shabbat, December 14: Women's Tefillah Group Presents:

Luncheon Followed by Mincha: 12:30pm

Join Women's Tefillah Group for a luncheon led by teen girls. The luncheon is open to friends and families of WTG, prayer service is open to women and girls. Cost: \$35 for adults, \$20 children under 12. Registration deadline is Monday, December 9. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/wtgluncheon.

Friday, December 20: LSS Pre-Chanukah Dinner: Zami Catering

Following Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Registration now open! (open seating)

Cost: M: \$60, NM: \$65, Child (5-12): \$35

www.lss.org/event/chanukahdinner

Friday, December 20 and Saturday, December 21:

Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton

Cost: \$50 which includes 3 meals, \$25 for just lunch. Payment and reservations must be made by Monday, December 16. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners.

Sunday, December 22: Museum Tours: 11:00am

*Please note this is an offsite event

Auschwitz Exhibit at the Museum of Jewish History. To register please visit www.lss.org/event/museumtour.

Thursday, December 26: 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.

LSS GOES GREEN

Lincoln Square's efforts to join in the City's composting efforts are well underway. Many of you are doing your best to cooperate and we thank you. There are still some that we would like to encourage to do their part and help us comply with recycling policies. You will find 3 types of containers to dispense trash. The small brown pails are only for left over food scraps. The blue pails with the clear plastic liners are only for hard plastic, metal and glass. The black pails with the black plastic liners are only for non-recyclables such as napkins, paper cups and styrofoam. When throwing away your plates, please first dump the excess food into the brown bin and then throw the plastic plate, plastic cutlery and plastic cups into the blue pail. Lastly, throw your napkins, paper plates and other non-recyclables into the black pail.

We are looking for members to volunteer and join the committee.

Teens are welcome to join!

If interested, please contact Dr. Meryl Brown at green@lss.org

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
- **Jewish Living Workshop** 7:30pm-8:30pm. This will be the final class. Sign up for "hands on" Jewish living experience. We learn by doing. Topic: Chanukah Location: Rm 208/210
- **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Levels I and II** 6:30pm-8:00pm. This will be the final class.
- **Stories to Wake Us Up: Dreams, Parables & Stories: The Radical Vision of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov** 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
- **Introduction to Bible Class** led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald: 6:30pm-8:00pm. Cost: \$90, free to LSS members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. To register, please visit www.lss.org/beginners. Location: Rm 206/207
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 211

Wednesday:

- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky: 7:00pm-8:00pm Location: Rm 207
- **Jewish Science Series with Paul Shaviv** 8:00pm-9:00pm. Location: Main Sanctuary

Thursday:

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

SECURITY UPDATE

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:

December 2019 - L1, Basic Security Training
January 2020 - Active Shooter Training
February 2020 - L2, Advanced training
February 2020 - ROAM, advanced training course for 'Young Professionals'

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)

Affiliations to Jewish Organizations



Chanukah Dinner

Friday, December 20th

Tickets:

- \$60 Members
- \$65 Non-Members
- \$35 Children (5-12)

Sponsorship opportunities:

- \$100 Latke
- \$180 Sufganiyot
- \$360 Menorah

Register at www.lss.org/event/chanukahdinner



YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT





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 DECEMBER 21ST | PARENTS NIGHT OUT -
 6:30PM TO 8:30PM | DROP OFF YOUR KIDS!

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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

Important Note:

Youth Directors, Ariella and Mendel Lazaros are away this Shabbat, eating turkey, cranberry sauce, and sweet potatoes. Please direct any questions directly to the Youth Leadership Team.

Dvar Torah:

Parshat Toldot introduces Yitzchak and Rivka's twin sons, Yakov and Esav. When Rivka was pregnant, Hashem told her that she bore two great nations, but one would be greater than the other. When the twin boys were born, their differences were immediately apparent. Esav grew up to be a great hunter, while Yakov grew in his learning.

When Esav returned from the hunt one day, he found Yakov in the kitchen preparing a lentil stew. Yakov agreed to give him the stew in exchange for Esav's birthright as the first-born. Esav agreed. The parsha then fast forwards and tells us how Esav married and moved back into his father's home. Yitzchak asks Esav to go hunt and prepare a meal for him, so that in his old age he can bestow his birthright blessing onto him. Rivka overhears and creates a plan; she immediately prepares a meal for Yakov to bring to his father. She dresses Yakov in furs so that he will seem to be Esav.. Because Yitzchak is old and his eyesight is weakening, he gives Yakov the birthright blessing. When Esav returns and realizes what has happened, he threatens to murder Yakov. Toldot ends with Rivka sending Yakov away to avoid Esav's sword.

After Shul Ask Your Children:

1. Who are Yitzchak and Rivka's twin children?
2. What makes them different?
3. What did Esav get in exchange for his birthright?

Answers:

1. Yakov and Esav
2. Esav is a hunter, Yakov learns. Esav came out hairy while Yakov was smooth.
3. He traded his birthright for a bowl of stew.

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

Motzei Shabbat, December 7: Upper West Side Teen Dave & Busters
 Save the date. More information to follow.

Motzei Shabbat, December 14: Youth Movie Night Presents Space Jam: 6:30pm Sponsored by Yitzy and Allison Rubin. To register, please visit www.lss.org/event/spacejam. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat, January 10: Youth Department Shabbat Dinner
 Save the date. More information to follow.

DVAR TORAH

Parshat Toldot
November 29-30
By: Fred Ehrman

The Delayed Response

In this day and age, when some of our youth are disinterested in our traditions, and when assimilation is rampant, we take a look at the boy who is coming of age when the spotlight is shining on him. He is now a Bar Mitzva, "the son of the Commandment," transitioning from being a boy to becoming a man, when the awareness that responsibilities of his actions now devolve on himself. It pertains to girls equally when they become a Bat Mitzva.

He finally reached the age of thirteen and is experiencing the most important day of his life. He ascends the Bimah in the synagogue and chants the two blessings over the Torah. His father who has been standing at his side, at this time says these four surprising and astonishing words: ברוך שפטרני מענשו של זה. "Blessed be He Who has freed me from the punishments due to this [boy]."

And in reaction, what might the Bar Mitzva be thinking? "What is going on? My beloved father who has protected me my whole life, who is my role model in all that I do, is casting me off to be on my own? Wouldn't any father prefer receiving the punishments instead of his son? I know I now am responsible to follow all the mitzvot but my own father should at least not be so happy about my absorbing the consequences of my own misdeeds."

All the excitement that preceded this moment starts to fade away as the realization of his heavy responsibilities begin to weigh on his shoulders. And what does the Bar Mitzva boy respond as his father completes that blessing? Silence... he has no response. He is shocked, confused and speechless. But this feeling soon leaves him, and he then goes about enjoying the rest of his day with his family and friends and the wonderful party his parents prepared for this special time.

Where did the custom of the father saying this blessing when his son reaches the age of Bar Mitzva come from? I always assumed it was relatively recent dating back 500 or 600 years. But I discovered it goes back much further than that.

Our Torah reading today tells of the difficulty that Rebecca and Isaac had in conceiving a child. But after much prayer Rebecca becomes pregnant and gives birth to twins. The first-born is called Esau and he is followed by his brother Jacob.

The narrative goes on and we come to the words, "— ויגדלו הנערים —" And

the boys grew up." Here the commentator Rashi, quoting a well-known Midrash (Breishit Rabah 63:10), tells the following story. For the first twelve years of their lives, no one noticed any great differences between the two brothers or paid much attention to their activities or character. The Midrash itself says that both boys went to school together and came home together for all these years. However, after reaching the age of thirteen, Jacob went to the houses of Torah study and Esau went to the houses of idol worship. And here comes the punchline:

אמר רבי אלעזר: צריך אדם להטפל בבנו עד י"ג שנה מכאן ואילך צריך שיאמר-ברוך שפטרני מענשו של זה

"Rabbi Elazer says: A man must be involved with raising his son until he reaches the age of thirteen. From this point on he should say, ברוך —" the same words that we say to this very day. We see then that the origin of this custom is more than fifteen hundred years old and refers back to the story of Esau and his going off the path that his parents wished for him. With this as background, the father's words in our day make this unflattering comparison even more surprising.

There are some who have a custom of commemorating a second Bar Mitzva. Psalm 90, which is thought to be authored by Moses, says the following: "The days of our years are seventy, and with strength, eighty years..." If we add thirteen years to the average lifetime of seventy, a second Bar Mitzva is sometimes noted upon reaching the age of eighty-three. We had noted earlier that the Bar Mitzva boy offered no response to his father's declaration of being gratified on no longer receiving the punishments due to his son.

I would propose instituting a new custom of offering a seventy-year delayed response said by the Bar Mitzva boy, now an elderly man who has tried his best to follow the dictates of the Torah and its way of life. It would also consist of only four words: "— ברוך שחייבתני מענשו שלי. —" Blessed be He Who has held me accountable to receive the punishments for [my own misdeeds]." He is also very much aware that the Almighty has as prime attributes, Loving Kindness, Compassion and Forgiveness. With the perspective of a whole lifetime behind him, he understands that the Torah way of life is what has given him a life consisting of the closeness of family and community, joy, and true happiness. — עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בא — "It is a Tree of Life to Those Who Grasp It." It is a message that Jacob understood, which his brother Esau did not. And a message that we pray that today's Bar and Bat Mitzva comprehend as well.

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

We are currently looking for writers for:

Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei, Shabbat HaChodesh (3/21)
Parshat Vayikra (3/28)
Parshat Tzav (4/4)

Email dvar@lss.org or see Bill Greenbaum in shul.

In case of a bereavement, please call our
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