

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

4:13pm Shabbat Candle Lighting

### Friday Night

4:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Services officiated and Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**. Davening led by **Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**. Following services, join us for the Pre Chanukah Dinner: Pre-registration required.

6:15pm: Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton Dinner: Welcome to all those joining us for the Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton.

### 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 **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** followed by Musaf. Davening led by **Chazzan Yisroel Lesches**.  
 9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201  
 9:34am 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

12:30pm Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton Lunch: Welcome to all those joining us for the Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton.  
 2:45pm 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)  
 3:15pm 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 "*Festival of Lights? Chanukah in Tannaitic Literature*"  
 4:00pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit. **Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff** will be speaking on "*Know Thyself: Yosef and the Mirror Stage*"  
 5:14pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Adina and Marc Dolfman** for chairing the pre-Chanukah dinner.

**Fred Ehrman** for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

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## ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Thursday afternoon 2 minutes and 8 chalakim after 8 PM. Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be next Shabbat and Sunday.

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### Hashkama Kiddush:

**Suzan and Fred Ehrman** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Suzan's mother, Ruth Weiman a"h and Fred's brother, Maurice Ehrman z"l whose yahrtzeits fall on 18 Kislev and 26 Kislev respectively.

**Main Kiddush: Sharon and Avram Blumenthal** in commemoration of the tenth yahrtzeit of his father, Bernard Blumenthal, Baruch ben Yosef z"l.

### Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:

**Harry Heching** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his parents, Herman and Herta Heching z"l.

### Beginners Kiddush:

**Irwin Mandel** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his sister, Edith Rosenzweig a"h and in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald.

**Marysol Perez** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her grandfather, Emilio Cardona z"l.

### Seudah Shlishit:

**Sharon and Avram Blumenthal** in commemoration of the tenth yahrtzeit of his father, Bernard Blumenthal, Baruch ben Yosef z"l.

**Stu, Lori & Josh Kolinsky** in commemoration of the second yahrtzeit of Stu's father, Kenny Kolinsky, Kalman ben Tzvi z"l.

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

## MAZAL TOV

**Martine and Jack Schenker** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Yehuda, son of Bella and Menachem Levy of Passaic. Mazal Tov to siblings Bina, Tzvi, Chaya, Bracha, Yosef Shalom, Yisroel Meir, and Chaim.

## NEXT SHABBAT: SHABBAT CHANUKAH

Rosh Chodesh and Shabbat Chanukah davening led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**.

## OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSURE

The building will be closed following Mincha/Ma'ariv on December 24 and 25. The office will be closed on December 25

## YEAR END GIVING

Ways to Give and Support Lincoln Square Synagogue:

Tax-Wise Strategies to Easily Maximize Your End-Year Gifts:

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

If you have any questions please contact the shul office at [info@lss.org](mailto:info@lss.org) or call 212-874-6100.

To pay your balance online please visit [www.lss.org/payment](http://www.lss.org/payment).

*Reminder: you must be logged in.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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](http://www.lss.org/event/museumtour).

**Wednesday, December 25: The LSS and Drisha Day of Learning:**

**10:00am—4:00pm** Join LSS and The Drisha Institute for a day of learning & inspirational speakers. To register, please visit

[www.lss.org/event/learn](http://www.lss.org/event/learn).

**Thursday, December 26:**

- **Challah and Cake Sale: 6:00pm-7:00pm** To preorder, please email [pastry@susez.com](mailto: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](http://www.lss.org/beginners).

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

Cost: \$25. To register, please visit [www.lss.org/beginners](http://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](http://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](http://www.lss.org/event/dafyomi).

**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](http://www.lss.org/event/wingsofeagles).

**Sunday, February 9: Mental Health First Aid Training: 10:00am**

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](http://www.lss.org/event/mentalhealth).

## 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 “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](mailto:security@lss.org) quoting: Each course of interest, Name (first, last), Contact number (cell phone) and any Affiliations to Jewish Organizations

## 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. Cost: \$90, free to LSS members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. To register, please visit [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). 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

- **\*(Cancelled this week) Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 7:30pm-8:30pm. Location: Rm 211

**Wednesday:**

- **\*(Will resume January 7) 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: Jersey City and Jeremy Corbyn Location: Rm LL201.

- **\*(Cancelled this week) The Jacob Adler Parsha Class** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbinic Intern, Tzvi Benoff: 7:00pm-8:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

## TAKE ACTION TODAY

At least 21 people have been killed, and many more injured, in assaults targeting Jews at synagogues, community centers and other Jewish institutions in the past 20 years alone. In the most deadly of those, just over a year ago, 11 Jews were killed while praying on Shabbat at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue.

This ongoing escalation in anti-Semitic attacks underscores the critical need for synagogues, other houses of worship, day schools and other nonprofits to make their facilities as secure as possible. That's why funding for the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program has become so important.

Since 2005, when the Orthodox Union Advocacy Center helped create it, the NSGP has allocated \$329 million to more than 4,000 institutions, most of them Jewish, to improve building security and keep people safe against terror attacks.

Given the increase in anti-Semitic attacks, this year the OU Union Advocacy Center are seeking to increase funding for the NSGP by 50 percent, to \$90 million: \$50 million for nonprofits at risk of terror attacks in major urban areas and \$40 million for those in other geographic regions.

Take action today: Contact your U.S. Representative and ask him/her to sign onto the bipartisan House letter supporting a Homeland Security Appropriations bill led by Reps. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) and Peter King (R-N.Y.) that includes \$90 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

Click [here](#) to take action today

**Shabbat Shalom!**

# 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 Parsha & Candy: Yosef is Sold  
 11:45 am Groups End

**Upcoming Events:** To sponsor an event please email [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org)

**This Motzei Shabbat, December 21: Youth Movie Night Presents**

**Space Jam: 6:30pm** Sponsored by Yitzy and Allison Rubin.

To register, please visit [www.lss.org/event/spacejam](http://www.lss.org/event/spacejam).

**Location:** Belfer Beit Midrash

**Sunday, December 22: Pre-Chanukah Olive Press with**

**Rabbi Fried: 10:00am**

Cost: \$11. To register, please visit [www.lss.org/event/olives](http://www.lss.org/event/olives).

**Shabbat, January 10: Youth Department Shabbat Dinner**

To register, please visit [www.lss.org/event/youthdinner](http://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](http://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.

**Sunday, March 8: LSS Annual Youth Department Purim Carnival**

Save the date. More information to follow.

## Dvar Torah:

In this week's parsha we are reintroduced both to Yaakov's favorite son, Yosef, and to Yosef's brothers who despise him. After Yosef repeats his dreams, indicating that he has greater power than his brothers, they devise a plan to 'fake' his death and sell him to some merchants passing by.

The Rashbam asks an important question: did the brothers actually sell Yosef? If we look at the text, we learn that the brothers decide not to kill Yosef and throw him in a pit, while they sit down for a meal and discuss what to do next. Reuven intentionally threw Yosef into the pit, so that he could come back and save him. At the same time, Yehuda notices Ishmailites riding by and asks the rest of the brothers, "What gain do we get from killing our brother? Let's just sell him to those Ishmailites coming our way." The next line in the parsha says "And they picked Yosef up out of the pit and they sold him to the Ishmailites." Who are the "they"? The Rashbam believes that while the brothers set up Yosef to be sold, and created the circumstances around his sale, the Ishmailites were actually the ones who pulled Yosef up and decided they would buy him.

## After Shul Ask Your Children:

1. What gift does Yakov give to Yosef?
2. Which two dreams did Yosef have that depicted him as "greater than" his brothers?
3. Where does Yosef go when he is sold?
4. Who does Yosef meet when he is thrown into an Egyptian jail?

- Answers:**
1. A multicolored coat
  2. Bales of wheat bowing to him, and the sun, moon, and stars
  3. Egypt
  4. The butler and the baker of the Pharaoh

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## DVAR TORAH

Parshat Vayeshev/Shabbat Mevarchim

December 20-21

By: Fred Ehrman

### ***Trust and Effort, Bitachon V'Hishtadlut***

He was a handsome lad, only 17 years of age, thrown into an Egyptian prison. His brothers had sold him into slavery, and he was now falsely accused of making improper advances towards his master's wife. Joseph is soon joined by two of Pharaoh's courtiers, his wine steward and baker.

In the morning Joseph sees his two prison mates looking downcast. When Joseph inquires about the reason for their dejection, they tell him that they each had an unusual dream but had no one to interpret its meaning. They relate their dreams to Joseph, and he tells them of its significance. The sommelier was told that he would have a positive outcome and be returned to his former position. The baker, however, was informed that his end was near, that he would be hanged. But Joseph had one request of the wine steward, that once he was returned to Pharaoh's palace, he would ask the ruler to free Joseph from an unjust imprisonment.

Joseph's interpretations turn out to be correct; the baker is hung, and the wine steward is returned to his previous cup-bearing task. But the Parsha ends with the following: "And the wine steward did not remember Joseph, but he forgot him." Here, the commentator Rashi, quoting the Midrash (Breishit Raba 89:3), says that Joseph remained in confinement for another two years, as punishment for relying on flesh and blood for his salvation.

This comment by Rashi has always troubled me. What was wrong with asking someone for an important favor in order to get out of a difficult situation? There are two paths in dealing with life's hardships. The first is trust, Bitachon, relying only on the Almighty for salvation. The second is making a personal effort, Hishtadlut, and not relying solely on divine intervention or miracles.

The story is told about a man who falls overboard on a cruise ship and is floating in the ocean as he watches the ship sail away. He begins to pray, "G-d, please make a miracle and save me." Soon a fishing boat passes in the distance, but the man remains silent awaiting the miracle. G-d will help, Bitachon. A yacht goes by—still no effort to attract it. Finally, a helicopter flies overhead and there is the same lack of response. "Der Obishter vilt helfen," the One Above will help. The man drowns. He goes up to heaven and complains to the Almighty, "G-d, I had total trust in You and thought You would cause a miracle and save

me. Why did you let me drown?" And G-d responds, "I sent you a fishing boat, I sent you a yacht and I sent you a helicopter. All you needed to do was wave to them." Hishtadlut. You have to buy a lottery ticket to win.

Joseph made the effort. So why was he punished? With a careful reading of the verses, I think the answer may be found in next week's Torah portion. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams and here he is immediately rewarded. He becomes the plenipotentiary, the second most powerful man in Egypt. Let us compare the two stories and see if there was a significant difference in Joseph's actions.

Hishtadlut, effort, also requires acknowledging G-d as the One who has the final say. Joseph did that in prison. When told of the dreams by the courtiers, Joseph begins by saying that G-d is the One to Whom dream interpretations belongs. He acknowledges that he is just the intermediary. But after Joseph hears the dreams and gives the interpretations, he does not mention G-d's Providence again.

Now contrast this to what he says to Pharaoh. Joseph begins by saying "Biladai," it is beyond me, "G-d will respond with Pharaoh's welfare." Joseph interprets the dreams but then says that this is what G-d is about to do. He acknowledged G-d before AND after he heard the dreams. This had a great effect on Pharaoh unlike the lack of an impression left on the wine steward. Pharaoh says to his servants, "Could we find another like him—a man in whom is the spirit of G-d?" He then says to Joseph, "Since G-d has informed you of all of this, there can be no one so discerning and wise as you." The difference between the two stories is clear.

We can now reinterpret the final words of the Parsha. "The wine steward did not remember Joseph, and he forgot him." Don't we know that if he didn't remember Joseph that he forgot him? However, who did the wine steward forget? "Vayishkachaihu." He forgot G-D. (The pronoun "hu," meaning Him, often refers to G-d.) In the Pharaoh dream story, Joseph remembers to attribute his abilities before AND after hearing the dreams. Pharaoh then mentions G-d twice, and did not forget Him, unlike the wine steward.

What lesson can we learn from these stories? Many of us before entering into difficult or unknown situations, such as a business venture, an operation, a test, we pray to G-d for success. But sometimes after a good result, we forget Who is behind it all. And sometimes we may even think, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:17.) The extra two years Joseph spent in prison is a lesson for us all.

We are currently looking for writers for:

Shabbat Pesach (4/11)

Parshat Shmini (4/18)

Parshat Tazria-Metzora (4/25)

Email [dvar@lss.org](mailto:dvar@lss.org) or see Bill Greenbaum in shul.

Weekly Prayer Schedule:						
Day	Sunday: Erev Chanukah	Monday: Chanukah	Tuesday: Chanukah	Wednesday: Chanukah/ Christmas Day	Thursday: Chanukah	Friday: Chanukah
Daf Yomi	7:45am	6:15am	6:15am	7:45am	6:15am	6:15am
Shacharit	7:10am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:40am	7:00am, 7:40am	7:00am, 8:30am	7:00am, 7:40am	7:00am, 7:40am
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:20pm	4:20pm	4:25pm	4:25pm	4:25pm	4:20pm
Chanukah Candle Lighting	After 5:04pm	After 5:04pm	After 5:05pm	After 5:06pm	After 5:06pm	Before 4:18pm followed by Shabbat candles

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