

SHABBAT SCHEDULE
<p><b>Friday Night:</b></p> <p><b>4:32pm</b> Candle Lighting</p> <p><b>4:35pm</b> Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p><b>Mashiv HaRuach Kiddush and Shiur</b></p> <p>Following Maariv, join us for a shiur given by Rabbinic Intern Ilan Kaissar in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary, followed by a hot kugel kiddush in the Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.</p> <p><b>4:49pm</b> Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha</p> <p><b>5:20pm</b> Repeat Shema</p> <p><b>8:00pm</b> Magen Avraham Teens Oneg at the Wildes</p> <p><b>Shabbat:</b></p> <p><b>7:45am</b> Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.</p> <p>Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Moshe Sokolow on the third floor.</p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;</p> <p>Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson.</p> <p>Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p>Main Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.</p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;</p> <p>Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.</p> <p><b>9:41am</b> Latest Shema</p> <p><b>9:45am</b> Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan</p> <p>Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Tepler.</p> <p>Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Youth Groups – Supervised Play;</p> <p>Location: Second Floor Classrooms.</p> <p><b>2:45pm</b> Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinvwexler;</p> <p>Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.</p> <p><b>3:35pm</b> Louis and Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Tepler in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p><b>4:20pm</b> Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.</p> <p>Followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Ballroom.</p> <p><b>4:50pm</b> Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.</p> <p><b>5:34pm</b> Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends</p> <p>*Please note that there will be no Hebrew shiur this week.</p>

WEEKDAY MINYAN
<p><b>Shacharit:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, January 14th @ 7:10am &amp; 8:30am</b></p> <p><b>Monday, January 15th (MLK Day) @ 7:00am &amp; 8:30am</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday, January 16th &amp; 17th @ 7:10am &amp; 7:50am</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, January 18th @ 7:00am &amp; 7:50am</b></p> <p><b>Friday, January 19th @ 7:10am &amp; 7:50am</b></p> <p><b>Mincha/Maariv:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday &amp; Monday, January 14th &amp; 15th @ 4:40pm</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday - Thursday, January 16th - 18th @ 4:45pm</b></p>

THIS SHABBAT
<p>During Kiddush we are pleased that many of the LSS and other Mission participants will share their experiences in Israel. There are four tables of mission participants who will discuss the mission, how it impacted them, and answer any questions. Please help yourself to kiddush and find a table to hear their firsthand accounts. Story time with Rabbi Robinson for kids.</p>

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
<p><b>Hashkama:</b></p> <p><b>Bob &amp; Elissa Burnat</b> in commemoration of the yahrtzeit (8 Shevat) of Bob's father, Bernard, Benyamin ben Yakov and his uncle, Israel Wruble, Yisroel ben Shlomo, z”l.</p> <p><b>Sheelah and Norman Alpert</b> in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Norman’s mother, Taiba bas Kalman a”h.</p> <p><b>Main Kiddush:</b></p> <p><b>LSS Israel mission participants</b> in honor of Barbara Klein and Ken Cappell. We are incredibly grateful to you for organizing an impactful and inspiring trip to Israel.</p> <p><b>Beginners:</b></p> <p><b>Golda Hudes</b> in commemoration of the third yahrtzeit of her beloved friend, Dasha Rittenberg a”h.</p> <p><b>Seudah Shlishit:</b></p> <p>In loving memory of Muk Eisenmann z”l Gabbai Rishon &amp; Gabbai Chevra Kadischa of LSS on his second yuhrtzeit.</p> <p><b>Vivien Marc Astrid Esther</b></p>

HAKARAT HATOV
<p><b>Simon Firestone</b> for writing this week’s Dvar Torah.</p>

MAZAL TOV
<p><b>Elana and Dr. James Nussbaum</b> on the marriage of their son Max to Rina Feldman. Mazal tov also to grandparents Gilda and Rabbi Marc Angel, and to siblings Jake, Charlie, and Kara.</p>

A LOOK-BACK
<p><b>Prayer for the French Republic Review</b></p> <p>Twenty-five people from LSS joined last Sunday to see “Prayer for the French Republic,” the 2022 Drama Desk Award winner. Set against the poignant backdrop of 1944 Paris, the play artfully begins with a Jewish couple, the Salomons, anxiously awaiting news of their missing family. The narrative seamlessly transitions through seven decades, exploring the profound questions of French and Jewish identity and growing antisemitism.</p> <p>"Prayer for the French Republic" is a thought-provoking and emotionally charged journey that leaves a lasting impact. It skillfully navigates historical narratives while holding up a mirror to present-day concerns, making it a must-see for those seeking a thoughtful exploration of Jewish identity.</p> <p>We look forward to future LSS Film and Culture Committee films, theater, and museum events. Suggestions are welcomed (<a href="mailto:Films@lss.org">Films@lss.org</a>).</p>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, January 14th: Israeli Real Estate: 7:30pm:** This event is designed to provide you with the necessary and important information on every aspect of Buying Israeli Real Estate. Location: Rooms 206/207. Register at [www.israelevent.live/manhattan](http://www.israelevent.live/manhattan)

**Friday Night, January 19th: Musical Acapella Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45pm:** Join us for a musical acapella Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz and Mo Kiss, and the Kol Haneshama Acapella Group.

**Motzei Shabbat, January 20th: Resilience in Adversity: A Personal Account from Sderot on October 7th:**

**7:30pm:** Join us as LSS welcomes Carmi Tint and Eyal Tarchitzky, members of Dror Israel, a grassroots educational organization. They reside in Dror's educators' community in Sderot, located less than two miles from the Gaza Strip. On October 7th, Carmi was alone with their then seven-month-old daughter for close to 48 hours in their safe room while Hamas terrorists brutally murdered residents outside their building. Currently, Carmi, Eyal, their daughter, along with other Dror Israel educators and thousands of Sderot residents, have been residing in a hotel by the Dead Sea for the past three months.



Carmi and Eyal will share their personal story and introduce us to Dror. Dror Israel has an extensive and successful track record in emergency response. Its educators have previously taken action to support traumatized children during past wars in Israel, the COVID lockdowns, and in response to the war in Ukraine. Now, facing this national tragedy, Dror Israel, in cooperation with local municipalities and the IDF Home Front Command, is providing support to tens of thousands of traumatized evacuees and has established programs to assist evacuees and residents in the hardest-hit communities.

Enjoy complimentary refreshments. The program is free, but please register at [www.lss.org/event/DrorIsrael](http://www.lss.org/event/DrorIsrael) to assist with planning.

**Wednesday January 24th: WTG Virtual Tu Bishvat Seder: 7:30pm:** Open to both women and men. Gather family and friends and join us via Zoom. Plate 1: Fruits/nuts with shell. Plate 2: Fruit no outer shell but with pit. Plate 3: no shell or big pit. See flyer for details. [Meeting ID: 837 8648 3798](https://lss.org/MeetingID:83786483798)  
[Passcode: 279609](https://lss.org/Passcode:279609)

**Motzei Shabbat, January 27th: Tu Bishvat: 8:00pm:** Let's join together in a post Tu Bishvat celebration of the New Year for trees. We look forward to an evening of Israeli songs, food, fruits, and good company. UWS Shlichah, Gali Rabin will speak about "Rebuilding Kibbutzim". We will also say a prayer for our IDF soldiers and for the safe return of the hostages. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash Price: \$20 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Register at [www.lss.org/form/tubishvat](http://www.lss.org/form/tubishvat).

## WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, January 14th**

- **9:15am Kosher Made Clear - Hilchot Kashrut Tzurba Style:** Led by Rabbi Tepler this week. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

**Monday, January 15th**

- **7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin.** Location: Room 206/207

**Tuesday, January 16th**

- **11:00am-12:00pm: The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the Weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: Location: LL201
- **6:30pm: United Hearts for Israel:** If you have been affected by the crisis in Israel, The Jewish Board invites you to their community of healing. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/UnitedHeartsIL](http://www.tinyurl.com/UnitedHeartsIL)
- **8:15pm: The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group led by Ron Platzer:** If you are interested in joining, please contact Ronald Platzer at [RPlatzer@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:RPlatzer@citytech.cuny.edu).

**Wednesday, January 17th**

- **6:30pm: United Hearts for Israel:** If you have been affected by the crisis in Israel, The Jewish Board invites you to their community of healing. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/UnitedHeartsIL2](http://www.tinyurl.com/UnitedHeartsIL2)
- **7:00pm: Kabbalah and Its Influence on the Birth of Chassidut** with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Raciz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

**Thursday, January 18th**

- **11:00am-12:00pm: Gemara Makot Class:** led by Rabbi Robinson: Location: LL201
- **11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533
- **7:00pm: Jacob Adler Parsha Class: Explorations in the Weekly Parsha:** Led by Rabbi Robinson: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

**Daf Yomi:** Sunday at 7:30am, Monday and Thursday at 6:10am, and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:20am: Location: Belfer Beit Midrash and Virtual.

Details on [www.lss.org/LearningOpportunities](http://www.lss.org/LearningOpportunities)

**Upcoming classes:**

**Tuesday, January 23: 7:00pm: Am Yisrael Chai:** Join Rabbi Robinson for an uplifting overview of the origins, contributions, vision, and grandeur of the Jewish People. Followed by refreshments at 8:00pm and a choice of Torah classes with the LSS Clergy at 8:15pm.

**Monday, February 5th: Jewish Living Workshop: 7:30pm:** "Hands on" Jewish living experience with Dassa and Bill Greenbaum. For more information email them at [jlworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:jlworkshop@yahoo.com). First topic: Shabbat - The Friday Night Experience. Visit [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners) to register.

## YOUTH & MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENTS

**Youth Groups: 10:00am:** Second Floor Classrooms, supervised play.

**Babies & Me (Newborn-2yrs): Shabbat, 10:00-11:30am in LL203:** Parent-baby bonding (unsupervised) followed by a 30-min program by Devorah Batt at 11:00 am. Dedicated nursing area available.

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday Night, January 12th: Oneg @ Wildes: 8:00pm:** Play games, talk, and enjoy snacks with Lincoln Square teens at Teen Director Alexander Wildes' apartment! Email [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org) for the address.

**Sunday, January 14th: Snow Tubing Trip WSIS: 7:00pm:** Meet at West Side Institutional for a family-fun Sunday snow tubing trip!

**Tamim Academy NYC Winter Tours: Tuesday & Thursday, January 16th & 18th: 8:45am-9:45am:** RSVP at [admissions@tamimnyc.org](mailto:admissions@tamimnyc.org). Accepting applications for 2024/25 academic year (grades K-2). More info at [www.tamimnyc.org](http://www.tamimnyc.org).

**Motzei Shabbat, January 27th: 16 Handles and Chill: 7:00pm:** Meet at 16 Handles (between 75th and 76th) and enjoy some Fro-Yo with friends!

**Friday, February 2nd: Teen Friday Night Oneg: 8:00pm - 10:00pm**

**Sunday, February 4th: The Magician's Elephant: 3:00pm—5:00pm:** Gather your loved ones, cozy up, and join us for a heartwarming movie. Enjoy the magic on the big screen, complete with popcorn and pizza. Register at [www.lss.org/form/youth-movie-night.html](http://www.lss.org/form/youth-movie-night.html).

**Sunday, March 17th: Purim Carnival: 12:30pm - 3:15pm:** Magician, clown, bounce house, games, and more! Free entry for children <1. Tickets in advance: \$20, tickets at the door: \$25. Be a sponsor! Matanot Le'evyonim - \$180 + 3 entry tickets, Seudat Hamentashen - \$500 + 6 entry tickets, Mordechai - \$1,000 - 8 entry tickets. Queen Esther - \$5000 - 12 entry tickets. Register at [www.lss.org/form/purim2024](http://www.lss.org/form/purim2024)

For more information email [youth@lss.org](mailto:youth@lss.org).


## WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

**Hafrashat Challah for the Hostages:** Participate in the meaningful tradition of Hafrashat Challah as a symbol of solidarity for the hostages in Gaza. Let's unite women from every corner in a shared act of connection and support. The goal is to gather 40 women for each hostage. Commit to this cause by pledging your name at [www.tinyurl.com/c4Israel](http://www.tinyurl.com/c4Israel)

**Boots for Israel:** Boots for Israel began with a call from Israeli General Daniel Jacobs, seeking tactical boots for his unit. Facing a shortage of suitable footwear for reservists, our Executive Director's shul, Young Israel of Holliswood, mobilized to help. Through a stroke of luck, a local shoe wholesaler had the exact boots in stock, enabling them to send the boots to Israel at reduced rates. Now, with growing requests, they need your support to continue providing Boots for Israel. Donate today to help them sustain this critical mission. Donate at [www.yiholliswood.org/payment.php](http://www.yiholliswood.org/payment.php)

**Contact Your Elected Officials:** We have an essential role to play to help protect Israel. Urge members of Congress to continue speaking out and standing with Israel as it acts to defeat the terrorist threat. The message can be simple: "The Jewish community thanks you for your support. I thank you for your support. Please continue to do so publicly and proudly. It is imperative that Israel destroy any remnant of Hamas so that the people of Israel and the people of Gaza can live free of tyranny and in prosperity and harmony". Please urge your elected officials to stand with Israel! Reach out at [www.takeaction.aipac.org/Wyv8pgS](http://www.takeaction.aipac.org/Wyv8pgS)

## SHABBAT GREETERS

Donate your time as a greeter at our shul! Be part of the welcoming team on Shabbat, embodying the true spirit of LSS. Two morning shifts available (9:00-10:00am and 10:00-11:00am) with one greeter per shift. Enjoy meeting new people, putting names to faces, and making everyone feel welcome. Register at [www.lss.org/form/greeter](http://www.lss.org/form/greeter). For questions or assistance, email [president@lss.org](mailto:president@lss.org). 



## LSS SOCIAL WORKER

Please reach out to Daniella if you're interested in meeting. Therapy can be helpful for many different reasons. It can provide a space for processing a major life transition or a significant loss. It could help if you're struggling with anxiety, depression or loneliness. You do not need to make a long term commitment. Daniella is available to meet for even one session! Availability: Tuesday: 1:00pm-5:00pm and Thursday : 9:00am-1:00pm. Book a session at: [www.calendly.com/dveres/social-worker-at-lss](http://www.calendly.com/dveres/social-worker-at-lss)

About Daniella: Hello! My name is Daniella Veres. I am originally from Montréal, Canada and have been living on the UWS for the last 7 years. I graduated with a Masters of Social Work from NYU's Silver School. I am a Licensed Social Worker at the Jewish Board where I'm committed to helping others lead a more optimal and productive life. I am passionate about helping others develop tools and skills to help navigate through life's transitions and make positive changes while improving relationships and learning to tolerate distressing emotions

# DVAR TORAH PARSHAT VAERA

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The Seventh Chabad Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson z”l, is memorable for many things. One of his less famous accomplishments is my favorite. He essentially created a new genre consisting of close and meticulous comparison of Rashi’s comments on the Torah portion to Rashi’s sources in the Midrash and Talmud. He generally finds apparent problems in Rashi’s interpretation, resolves them, and adds an inspiring message to boot. This genre is one of three genres one finds in *Likutei Sichot*, a black-bound collection one can find on most Chabad Chassidim’s bookshelves. (The other two genres are mystical discourses and similarly close readings of Rambam’s legal rulings.) Rabbi Sacks z’l loved these “Rashi sichos” so much that he translated several into English and published them in book form.

One year Rabbi Schneerson focused on Rashi’s comment on the boils plague in Parshat Va’era. The Torah reads, “G-d said to Moses and Aaron: ‘Each of you take handfuls of soot from the kiln and let Moses throw it towards the sky in front of Pharaoh. It will become fine dust all over the land of Egypt and cause an inflammation breaking out in boils on human and beast throughout the land of Egypt.’” One of Rashi’s comments on the first verse is “Since anything which is thrown with force must be thrown with one hand only, there were many miracles here. One, that Moses’ closed fingers held as much dust as would fill both of his fists and both of Aaron’s fists. One, that the dust spread itself throughout the whole of Egypt.”

The Rebbe’s commentary, as always, raises apparent difficulties with Rashi’s phrasing and content. To list just two problems: Why does Rashi use the unusual phrasing “One... One” when listing the two miracles? It’s kind of like me asking a friend, “Pick up many groceries from Trader Joe’s for me. One, hummus. One, challah..” and then saying nothing more. Also, why exclude one of the miracles from his source in the Midrash and add the phrase “there were many miracles here?”

The Rebbe z’l resolves these and other problems by noting that the boils are uniquely brought about through actions simultaneously pairing the natural and the miraculous. For example, Moses holds the ash, but the quantity held is more than humanly possible. The ashes fly up into the air as one would expect, but they go far further than they would naturally, covering all of Egypt. Hot ashes can normally cause boils, but not ashes that have flown across an entire empire. The unusual phrasing “One... one” highlights that each miracle is paired with a natural occurrence, rather than elements in a list as would the more standard, “One... two...” The entire process of the boils plague shows G-d’s ability to not just override nature but also to transform its normal workings.

I believe this pairing of nature and miracles still exists in our lives. In the *Modim* section of the silent *Amida* prayer we thank G-d for his “miracles that are with us every day.” We don’t generally perceive these daily occurrences, but they surely exist, woven so carefully into our regular perception of nature that our eyes skip over them, in a more subtle version of how the miraculous and mundane blended together with the plague of the boils. We should merit the eyes to see this daily flow of divine benevolence and the heart to extend our gratitude for them.

*Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members, their children, and LSS clergy. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, see Bill Greenbaum in shul, email him at [dvar@lss.org](mailto:dvar@lss.org), or call the shul office.*

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