

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday night:
Light Chanukah Candles before **4:10pm**
4:11pm Candle Lighting
4:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Speech after service by Chief Sergeant First Class (Reserves), G.M.
Topic: What I Saw on October 7
4:28pm: Sunset
4:59pm: Repeat Shema
5:45pm: Chanukah Dinner: Welcome to all attendees! (pre-registration required). Speech by Captain Bar Reuven and former officer Amit Shuker, members of IDF's elite Unit 669.

Shabbat:
7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Hashkama Kiddush to follow; Shiur by Dr. Moshe Sokolow on the third floor.
9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;
Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Robinson.
Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Main Kiddush to follow in the Ballroom.
9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald;
Location: 3rd Floor. Beginners Kiddush follow.
9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan;
Drasha before Musaf by Rabbi Gottesman;
Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
9:27am Latest Shema
10:00am Youth Groups; Supervised play. Location: Second floor classrooms for ages 3+ and Room LL2 for ages 0-2
2:30pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;
Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
3:10pm Louis aand Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Rabbi Gottesman in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
4:00pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
Followed by Seudah Shlishit.
Hebrew only Shiur with Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
4:28pm: Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha.
5:11pm Ma'ariv/Shabbat Ends
Light Chanukah candles after **5:11pm**
5:30pm: Musical Havdalah, Outdoor Candle Lighting, and Sufganiyot
6:00pm Bubble Show for Kids. Location: Pre-Function Room

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Miriam and Dr. Ira Ginsberg

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on **Tuesday** evening 1 minute and 3 chalakim after 8pm. Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on **Wednesday**.


MAZAL TOV

Joy and Morey Wildes on the marriage of their son Alexander this past week to Devorah Batt of Boca Raton, FL. Mazal tov also to Alexander's brothers Simon and Henry, grandfather Harold Kaplan and grandparents Jerome and Booky Wildes, as well as to Devorah's parents Layne and Faith Batt, sister Channah Leah and brother-in-law Nelson, brother Yitzi, and grandmother Janice Shapiro, who are all visiting with us this Shabbat.


Lois and Leslie Katz on the recent marriage of their granddaughter Bella Katz to Dovi Teitler. in Israel. Mazal tov to Bella's parents, Benji and Michelle Katz and her siblings, Zac Katz and family, Gilla Nicole (Katz) and David Shai Dadon. Mazal tov to Dovi 's parents Shimon and Adrienne Dadon and all their children and families.

Lois and Leslie Katz on making aliyah to celebrate the wedding.


THIS SHABBAT



Captain Bar Reuven
Executive Vice President of AFU669, Co-founder and former CEO of the Cat Association.



Amit Shuker
Former Officer Co-founder & President of AFU669



G.M.
Chief Sergeant First Class (Reserves)

LSS is honored to welcome three distinguished guests, members of the IDF's elite Unit 669: Captain Bar Reuven, former officer Amit Shuker and Chief Sergeant First Class (Reserves) G.M.

Unit 669 is the Airborne Combat Rescue and Evacuation Unit of the Israeli Air Force. The unit is responsible for the rescue and evacuation of all distressed military personnel and of all Israeli citizens in need. Since October 7, they have rescued over 550 soldiers and civilians and brought them to secure areas where they could obtain needed medical care. They also picked up freed hostages and brought them back onto Israeli soil. One veteran will speak in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary following Kabbalat Shabbat. Two other veterans will speak in the Sanctuary right after the main course of the Hanukkah dinner, and will be followed by dessert in the Shele Danishefsky Foyer.

Youth Department During the Chanukah Dinner: there will be life-sized board games in the pre-function room for all to enjoy!

Motzei Shabbat, 5:30pm: Lincoln Square Synagogue invites all our members, friends, and neighbors to proudly stand together and join us for a joyous family friendly Musical Havdalah and outdoor Chanukah Menorah Lighting. 6:00pm Bubble show for children to follow. *Chanukah Menorah Lighting sponsored by Gloria and Richard Kestenbaum in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of their respective fathers, Yisrael Ben Pinchas Stieglitz z"l and Dov Issachar Ben David Kestenbaum z"l.*

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Hashkama
Janet and Sam Horwitz, Dasi and Mayer Horwitz, and Avigail and Moshe Horwitz in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of their son and brother Menachem Yaakov Horwitz.

Dr. John Mann in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father Henry Mann Zvi ben Yosef Yaakov Ha Levi z"l.

Main Kiddush: Joy and Morey Wildes, in honor of the marriage of their son, Alexander, to Devorah Batt of Boca Raton, FL.

Beginners: The Konecky/Tepper Family in honor of Rabbi Ephraim and Aidel Buchwald, with gratitude for their tireless energy on behalf of the Beginners Minyan, NJOP and so much more.

Seudah Shlishit:Janet and Sam Horwitz, Dasi and Mayer Horwitz, and Avigail and Moshe Horwitz in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of their son and brother Menachem Yaakov Horwitz z"l.

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shacharit:
Sunday, December 10th @ 7:00am & 8:30am
Monday - Friday, December 11th-15th @ 7:00am & 7:40am

Mincha/Maariv: Sunday-Thursday, December 10th-14th @ 4:20pm

Chanukah Candle Lighting:
Sunday-Tuesday, December 10th-12th after 5:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday, December 13th-14th after 5:01pm

CHANUKAH

WE'D LIKE TO GIVE TREMENDOUS HAKARAT HATOV TO THOSE THAT HAVE MADE THIS SPECIAL SHABBAT POSSIBLE:

Nathan Vogel for all your dedication and efforts in securing our wonderful guests of honor and for your dedication to Israel programming at LSS.



THANK YOU TO OUR CHANUKAH DINNER SPONSORS:

Nes Gadol: Stephanie Dahan and Michael Doppelt, Leora, Alice, and Jacob Klein, Allison and Yitzy Rubin

Maccabim: Tanya Gershon and Joesph Warshawsky, Halana and Alan Greenberg, Esther Schulder and Bill Schulder, Karen and Roy Simon, Aviva and Marvin Sussman,

Sufganiyah: Robyn Gottlieb, Sydel Roth

THANK YOU TO OUR BUBBLE SHOW SPONSORS:

XL Bubbles: Naomi and Gary Stein and family

Large Bubbles: Anat Goodman and The Kimmelman Family

Medium Bubbles: The Roxland Family

Small Bubbles: Max Levy, Ariela Rosenberg, and the Wu Family

XS Bubbles: The Tannenbaum Family

UPCOMING CHANUKAH EVENTS:

Sunday, December 10: Clergy on Chanukah: 8:00pm: Short thoughts to inspire your davening during Chanukah.
[Zoom Meeting ID: 869 3635 2278 Passcode: 450760](#)

Monday, December 11th: Beginners Chanukah Bash: 7:00pm: Live music by Psachya Septimus and a special comedic performance by Beginner, Lily Friedman. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners.

Thursday, December 14th: Chanukah Tisch: 8:00pm: Location:
Belfer Beit Midrash: 8:00pm: With Rabbi Robinson, Rabbi Daniel Gottesman, Rabbi Efraim Tepler, and Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz. Outdoor candle lighting followed by a festival tisch with latkes, cholent, whiskey, songs, and divrei Torah. Price: \$15. Register at: www.lss.org/form/chanukah-tisch-2023



SHABBAT GREETERS

Donate your time and be a greeter! When people first walk into our shul, they should be greeted by helpful, friendly people. Become a greeter on Shabbat and help convey the true spirit of LSS. There are two morning greeting shifts (9:00-10:00am and 10:00-11:00am), with one greeter per shift. You will enjoy meeting new people, putting names to faces, and helping to make every person who walks into shul feel welcome. Register at www.lss.org/form/greeter. If you have any questions or need help signing up please email president@lss.org.

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL & WE'RE GOING TO ISRAEL!

LSS Solidarity Mission to Israel: Lincoln Square Synagogue is going to Israel from December 24th - 28th. This will be a unique opportunity to visit, support, be educated and strengthened, volunteer, experience and participate in Israel's most critical moment in many decades. View the itinerary, register and submit your deposit (\$300): www.lss.org/IsraelMission2023.

Please pick up a copy from the lobby of LSS member **Rachel Neumark Herlands'** firsthand account from her recent visit to 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. Our goal is to gather 40 women for each hostage. Commit to this cause by pledging your name at www.tinyurl.com/4udp5yar.

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

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

Donate to American Friends of unit 669 at: Zelle: org669.afu@Donate Paypal: @AFU669

YOUTH & MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENTS

Youth Groups: 10:00am: Location: Second Floor Classrooms. Supervised play.

Baby & Me (Newborn-2yrs): Shabbat, 10:00-11:30am in LL203:

Enjoy parent-baby bonding from 10-11am (unsupervised), followed by a lively 30-minute program led by Amanda Dryer at 11:00am. A dedicated nursing area is available in LL203.

Upcoming Events:

This Shabbat, December 8th: Enjoy life-sized board games in the pre-function room while adults daven and children play!

Motzei Shabbat, December 9th: 5:30pm: Musical Havdalah, Outdoor Menorah lighting, and Sufganiyot. **6:00pm: Chanukah Bubble Event:** Jeff Boyer Productions: in the Ballroom. Sponsorship comes in all kinds of bubble sizes: XL Bubble- \$1,800. L Bubble-\$1,000. M Bubble- \$500, S Bubble- \$ 250, XS Bubble-\$100

Sunday, December 10th: Chanukah Teen Minyan & Sufganiyot:

9:30am: Join your peers for meaningful tefillah and a yummy kiddush! With Rabbi Gottesman and Lloyd Epstein TMZ Kollel Fellow Bezalel Racz. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat, December 16th: Teen Minyan: Join you peers for meaningful tefillah and a yummy kiddush. **Motzei Shabbat, January 6th: Winter Wonderland Party: 6:00pm—7:30pm:** Come in pajamas, sip on hot cocoa while you watch a movie with friends! Pizza will be served.

Sponsorships needed! For details email youth@lss.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 12th: Bringing Light into the Darkness: A Chanukah Bereavement Program: 5:30pm-7pm, on Zoom: Come together with others who are grieving the loss of a loved one as Rabbis Miriam Herscher, BCC, LMSW and Adam Huttel, LMSW teach us about the healing potential of Chanukah. Bring your Chanukah menorah to the virtual screen as we light the sixth candle of our holiday, draw support and comfort from one another and our shared tradition, and explore ways to find meaning and connection through themes of Chanukah. *Being with one another will also help us bring each other comfort as we face not only the darkest time of year, but one of the darkest times in Israel's history. Let us find comfort, strength, and connection as we build bridges of support with one another.* Register at www.tinyurl.com/ChanukahBereavement

Shabbat, December 16th: Young Professionals Kiddush: 12:00pm: Register at www.lss.org/event/YPKiddush. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.

Wednesday, December 20th: 7:00-8:30pm
Stop the Bleed & Emergency Preparedness with LSS officer, member, and Hatzalah Volunteer, Dr. James Nussbaum PT, PhD, SCS, EMT
Only 10 spots available: reserve yours now! Cost: \$100 per person (all proceeds donated to the LSS Israel Emergency Relief Fund)

Learn to be better prepared for emergencies, particularly bleeding emergencies. We live in an environment where bleeding emergencies are becoming all too familiar. Learn basic steps to be more aware and prepared. What You'll Learn: you'll learn three quick techniques (1) How to use your hands to apply pressure to a wound; (2) How to pack a wound to control bleeding; (3) How to correctly apply a tourniquet. Upon successful completion of the STOP THE BLEED® component of this course, you will be awarded a certificate. Take the STOP THE BLEED® training course and become empowered to make a life or death difference when a bleeding emergency happens. Register at: www.lss.org/form/StoptheBleed

Dr. James Nussbaum is a physical therapist by license and an educator and researcher by passion. He has undergone 11 orthopedic surgeries from years playing football, ice hockey and more, and through hard work and dedication, still maintains an active lifestyle. Over the recent years, in addition to running a busy physical and occupational therapy organization, he has dedicated a significant amount of his time to help educate the community and share some very basic things we can all do to improve our health and wellness. Dr. Nussbaum has presented his research in Beijing, Berlin, Barcelona, Copenhagen, and throughout the U.S. He has a unique way to get participants involved, explain things very clearly, and motivates people to make small changes to achieve large results in their lives.

Motzei Shabbat: December 23rd: Kumzits for Israel: 7:00pm: Join us while we raise our voices for those who lost their lives. All proceeds will to enhance a Yeshuv in the Binyamin region's security. Price: \$36 per person. Food and light refreshments will be served. To sponsor email Daphnabecker24@gmail.com.

Shabbat, January 6th: Beginners Luncheon: The cost is now \$35 per person. Registration will close Wednesday, January 3rd at 12:00pm. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners

Sunday, January 7th: LSS Films & Culture Committee Presents Prayer for the French Republic at the Manhattan Theater Club: 2:00pm Join LSS friends to see this 2022 Drama Desk award winner. The story begins in 1944, with a Jewish couple in Paris desperately awaiting news of their missing family. Seventy years later, we see the couple's great-grandchildren facing the same questions as their ancestors: Are we French? Are we Jewish? Are we safe? This timely narrative explores five generations of a French Jewish family grappling with belonging, assimilating, and continuing tradition amid rising antisemitism. Plus, there is an exclusive post-show discussion with theatrical talent immediately after the play. Order your tickets today at www.lss.org/form/frenchrepublic. A limited number of \$110 orchestra tickets are available to LSS members: maximum of two ticket purchase. The play is approximately 3 hours long with two intermissions plus a 20-30-minute discussion.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 10th

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

Monday, December 11th

- **7:00pm: Chug Ivrit Chadashot (News from Israel) with Gali Rabin:** This class is taught almost exclusively in Ivrit. This week's class will be held in room 206/207.

Tuesday, December 12th

- **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
- **7:00pm - 8:30pm: Introduction to the Bible on Zoom with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald:** This course offers a broad look at the Bible's content and style. We'll explore fundamental literary and theological approaches to studying the Bible, both traditional and modern, by analyzing its text. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners. To sponsor reach out to jessica@njop.org
- **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.

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Thursday, December 14th

- **11:00am-12:00pm: Gemara Makot Class:** led by Rabbi Robinson: Location: LL201
- ***CANCELED* 11:00am-12:00pm: Women's Talk Time: led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer.** Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Passcode: 142533
- ***CANCELED* 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

Upcoming Classes:

December 19th at 6:00pm: Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I, in-person, at LSS, with Reva Rapps. This will be a series of 5 classes that last 1 hour and are free and open to all. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.

END OF YEAR GIVING

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

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DVAR TORAH PARSHAT VAYESHEV

“Tamar – a Heroine So Difficult for Us to Understand”

By: Margy-Ruth Davis

Tamar appears suddenly in the Bible, interrupting the long Joseph saga – a massive tale with national implications -- with a seemingly small domestic drama. Judah has chosen her as the bride of Er, his son. Er dies of his own sins and Tamar is then given to Onan, in levirate marriage (*yibum*), to provide an heir for Er and to perpetuate his name. Onan refuses to fulfill this act of brotherly obligation and quickly dies in turn. Judah then withholds his youngest son, Shelah, from the levirate duties.

We can hardly sympathize with Tamar because the story is set in a culture that is deeply alien to ours. The purpose of levirate marriage – which here exists even before the Torah is given – is to ensure that the man who dies childless will nevertheless live on, through his son. The widow benefits, too. It is only when she has a child that her own social standing and economic security are assured. Unless the widow is released from (or fulfills) the levirate obligation, she cannot marry anyone else; she has no economic rights and no chance at a fruitful life.

Tamar waits “many days” for the chance of a levirate marriage with Shelah. Eventually, she realizes that Judah has condemned her to lifelong, solitary widowhood.

Twice a widow, desperate to be a mother, Tamar deceives Judah into conceiving a child with her. Through the deception, Tamar takes Judah’s staff, his wrap and his signet ring as a pledge. Three months later, Tamar is visibly pregnant with twins. Judah is told that Tamar has shamed his family. Imperiously, and without hearing her defense, Judah orders her to be taken out and burned.

Tamar sends the three pledges, so personal, so unmistakably his, to Judah with the words, “I am pregnant by the man to whom these belong. *Haker na*, Recognize please, the signet ring, the wrap and the staff.” (The words, *Haker na*, recognize please, are fraught. Judah and his brothers had just used these same words – *haker na*, recognize please -- when they showed Joseph’s coat, dipped in blood to Jacob, fooling him into thinking that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.)

We would expect Tamar to say, “Judah, you’re the father. You were the one who wronged me!” She might have taken special pleasure in showing him up before the entire village. Yet she is prepared to die rather than confront Judah publicly. The midrash exclaims: she would rather feel the fire under her feet than to put the fire of shame, the reddening blush, on

Judah’s cheeks.

This is a concept foreign to our times, seemingly so un-modern, so anachronistic. Social media and a rapacious press thrive on shaming and “outing.” When we are feeling self-righteous, we call it “transparency.” Perhaps that is why we don’t read Tamar’s words with the awe that they deserve.

The French philosopher Emanuel Levinas would see Tamar’s act as an expression of the ultimate ethical imperative. It is the willingness to substitute one’s self for the other, to put one’s self into another’s place, even to give one’s very life for the other.

To his credit, Judah rises to Tamar’s level. “She is more righteous than I,” he says in acknowledging both his paternity and the justice of her actions. Judah’s admission is the first step in his repentance, his return to the Jacob family and his ascendance to leadership. It sets the stage for his confrontation with Joseph – and that, in turn, prepares us for a thousand years of history and the struggle for supremacy between their tribes.

Yet Tamar’s courage also prepares us for King David and the Mashiach. While she disappears from our story, Tamar is mentioned once more in Tanakh. As Ruth and Boaz are married, the townspeople bless them: “May your house be like the house of Peretz, whom Tamar bore to Judah. (Ruth 4:12.)” The Book of Ruth ends with the verses: “Now these are the generations of Peretz...and Jesse begat David (Ruth 4:18 -22.)”

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Dvar Torah Writing

Dvar Torah writing is open to all LSS members. Guidelines will be provided on request. For more info, see Bill Greenbaum in shul, or email him at dvar@lss.org.

The next Shabbatot available to write are Vayeishev & Channukah 12/8-9, Vayechi 12/29-30, and Bo 1/19-20

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-on lss.org under the Echod tab, or
- in the Electronic Echod (available to print at home).*

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