



SHABBAT SCHEDULE

In order to continue to keep each other safe and healthy, LSS asks that, on Shabbat morning, everyone wear a face mask, covering the wearer's mouth and nose, in all areas indoors at all times (mask-wearing is optional at outdoor services and at Friday night, Shabbat afternoon and weekday indoor services). In addition, we request that attendees be sensitive to the comfort and safety concerns of others at shul by respecting any social distancing desires of others. We thank you in advance!

Friday night:
 4:11pm Light Chanukah Candles before
 4:11pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
 4:15pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 4:29pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha
 5:00pm Repeat Shema

Shabbat:
 7:45am Hashkama Minyan; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash.
 Followed by Hashkama Kiddush (for vaccinated individuals only).
 Shiur to follow by Rabbi Moshe Sokolow.
 9:00am Chazzan Sherwood Goffin Memorial Minyan;
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Drasha given by Rabbi Shaul Robinson followed by Musaf. Followed by Main Kiddush on the Spira Family Terrace.
 9:30am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan;
 Location: The Spira Family Terrace
 9:23am Latest Shema
 9:30am Beginners Service led by Dr. Leonard Davidman;
 Location: 3rd floor. Beginners Kiddush to follow.
 9:45am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms
 10:12am Latest Shacharit
 2:25pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler;
 Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
 3:10pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty;
 Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara.
 4:00pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary.
 Followed by Seudah Shlishit (for vaccinated individuals only).
 Location: Belfer Beit Midrash
 4:28pm Sunset: daven Mincha
 5:11pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah
 5:21pm Zoom Havdalah (link in electronic Echod).

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION

Shacharit:
 Sunday, December 5, Chanukah, Rosh Chodesh Tevet @ 8:30am
 Monday, December 6, Chanukah — Friday, December 10 @ 7:30am
Mincha/Maariv:
 Sunday, December 5, Chanukah, Rosh Chodesh Tevet —
 Thursday, December 9 @ 4:20pm

MAZAL TOV

Grandparents **Aidel & Ephraim Buchwald** on the birth of a boy to their children Ayelet & Gavriel Berger of Houston, Texas.
 Grandparents **Joan Papier-Lieberman & Dr. Henry Lieberman** on the marriage of their granddaughter Ayelet Papier to Dovi Fishman in Jerusalem. Mazal Tov to parents Julie and David Papier and Cheryl and Adam Fishman.
 Grandparents **Margy-Ruth & Perry Davis** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Maoz Weinstein. Mazal tov to parents Shefa and Aharon Weinstein.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Cohen
Arielle Friedman

REMINDER

Please remember to begin saying "v'tain tal umatar livracha" with the Amida of Maariv on Saturday evening, December 4.

YEAR END GIVING

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All indoor kiddushim are for vaccinated individuals only.
Hashkama Kiddush: Margot and Dr. John Mann in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of John's father, Henry Mann z"l.
Main Kiddush: Joel Seidemann in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father Hans Seidemann z"l.
Beginners Kiddush: Aidel and Ephraim Buchwald in honor of the birth of a son to their children, Ayelet and Gavriel Berger of Houston, TX and in honor of Dr. Leonard Davidman.
Seudah Shlishit: Alan and Miriam Axelrod in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Alan's father, Herman Axelrod, Yisroel ben Moshe Aharon, z"l, whose yahrtzeit will be on the 5th of Tevet.
Would you like to sponsor a kiddush for future weeks? Email info@lss.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat, December 11th: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Parshat Vayigash: 9:00am. Location: 3rd Floor Gym
Friday, December 17: Winter Wonderland Friday Night Dinner: Mincha/Maariv: 4:15pm dinner to follow (approximately 5:30pm).
 Join us to gather together with family and friends and enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Petaks. M: \$60 NM: \$70 Children (5-12): \$25. Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours. Register at: www.lss.org/event/wwwdinner.org
Shabbat, December 18th: Young Professionals Winter Kiddush: 12:00pm. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours. There is no fee but please register in advance at: <https://www.lss.org/event/YPwinterkiddush>. Sponsors welcome.
Sunday, December 19th: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Tevet: 8:00pm. Via Zoom. Topic: Asnat: Wife of Yosef, Daughter of Potiphar, Daughter of Dinah? Meeting ID: 885 6034 3511 Passcode: 123188
Sponsored by Golda Hudes in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of her mother, Sara Bat Yakov a"l.
Thursday — Shabbat, January 6th — 8th: Scholar in Residence with Rav Ari Kahn, Rabbi of the Mishkan Estrog community and Director of the Overseas Students Program at Bar-Ilan University. See flyer for full schedule.
 *If, due to a disability, you need an accommodation made or you need help registering for an event, please call (212)-874-6100.

HAKARAT HATOV

Libby Peppersberg for sponsoring the sufganiyot served this Shabbat in commemoration of the 30th yahrtzeit of her father, Yitzchak Elchanon ben Moshe Yosef HaLevi z"l.
Tamar Fix for the inflatable Chanukah bear donated in memory of her father, Nachman ben Chaim z"l.
Steve Eisenberg for the inflatable menorah donated in memory of his father, Walter Eisenberg z"l.
Kenneth Jacobson for sponsoring our Chanukah kumzitz this past Wednesday in honor of Chazzan Yanky Lemmer.

YOUTH AND MAGEN AVRAHAM TEEN DEPARTMENT

We take the safety and health of our members very seriously and will do whatever we can to prevent further spread of Covid-19. As a reminder to all, even if COVID is not the concern at hand, if children are at all symptomatic (cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, GI symptoms, etc.), it is important that they stay home.

Shabbat Youth Groups: 9:45am (Location: 2nd floor classrooms)

Youth Groups are back in full swing with davening, Torah, snacks & play.
Youth Directors: Romy and Avraham Sanger
Assistant Youth Director: Alexander Wildes

Sunday, December 5th: LSS Youth Department Chanukah Celebration:

10:30am-12:00pm. Join us for arts and crafts, donut decorating, and dreidel playing. Cost: \$10 per child. Sponsorship opportunities available. Register at: <https://www.lss.org/event/lss-youth-chanukah-celebration.html>

Magen Avraham Teen Department Chanukah Trivia:

Each night of Chanukah at 6:30pm join us for trivia on the LSS Instagram page (@lincolnsquaresynagogue).

Be the first to DM us with the correct answer and you will win a prize!

YOUTH DVAR TORAH

Parshas Miketz tells of Pharaoh's peculiar dreams and his quest to find a satisfying interpretation. The cupbearer recalls the successful interpretation that Yosef had suggested to the dream he dreamt while in prison and Pharaoh thus calls for Yosef to come interpret his dream. When Yosef comes before Pharaoh, the king says to him, "I have dreamt a dream, but there is nobody who can interpret it, and I have heard about you that you can hear a dream and interpret it" (41:15).

Yosef replies, "It is not me; Hashem shall answer to Pharaoh 's satisfaction" (41:1). Midrash Tanchuma explains that this response reflected his extraordinary humility "He attributed the greatness to its Master, Hashem". This merit contributed to Yosef's rise to a powerful position in Egypt. Yosef understood that human achievement must be credited to the Almighty. While achievement certainly depends also on human effort, those efforts are insufficient to yield the desired result. Ultimately, one cannot achieve anything without Hashem's assistance.

Rav Avraham Pam drew a parallel between Yosef's remarks to Pharaoh and the response of the Chashmonim to the events of Chanukah.

Although they had achieved a remarkable and unlikely victory, they made a point of downplaying their role and emphasising Hashem's intervention. This is why in the story of Chanukah so much emphasis is on the miracle of the small jug of oil and not on the miraculous victory of the Chashmonim. In their effort to shift the credit from themselves to the Almighty, the religious leaders of the time drew the people's attention toward the miracle of the oil, which clearly signified the hand of G-d and demonstrated that it was He who had enabled the Chashmonim to prevail. They, like Yosef, refused to pride themselves for their accomplishments, and instead recognized G-d's intervention through which their success was achieved.

Happy Chanukah and Shabbat shalom!

QUESTIONS

1. How did the brothers enter Egypt?
2. Why does Rashi say that the brothers didn't recognize Yosef?
3. Which brother took responsibility for Binyamin?
4. Where did the servants plant Yosef's cup?

1. Yakov directs his sons to go down to Egypt to buy grain and instructs each son to enter Egypt through a separate gate.
2. Rashi says that was because Yosef now had a beard (42:8)
3. Yehudah
4. In Binyamin's bag

ANSWERS

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- ***Time Change this week only* Sh'eilot and Tshuvot:** 9:30am-10:30am. Come and learn some classic and contemporary responsa Sunday mornings after Shacharit. In person and via Zoom. In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Meeting ID: 838 3061 9860 Passcode: 354153. Must be fully vaccinated to participate in breakfast portion. Sponsors are welcome.

Monday:

- **A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** 11:00am-12:00pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Repeated on Zoom Tuesday at 8:00pm.
- **Beginners: Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I with Sharona Spivack:** 6:00pm. The 5 classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.
- **Chug Ivrit led by Harel Fenigstein Chadashot (News from Israel):** 7:00pm-8:15pm. Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/uwsshaliach/chug-ivrit-chadashot>

Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 10:30am-11:30am Meeting ID: 241022510. Dial In: 646 876 9923. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary
- **Beit Midrash night, The M'lachim (Kings) Study Group** led by Ron Platzer: 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 850 0937 1460 Password: 560900
- **A Gemara Class Bava Kama: Laws of Personal Injury led by Rabbi Robinson:** 8:00pm. Meeting ID: 858 4080 4793 Passcode: 931015

Wednesday:

- **Chug Ivrit - Safa Ivrit (Hebrew Language) led by Harel Fenigstein:** 7:00pm-8:15pm. Available in person or via Zoom. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/uwsshaliach/chug-ivrit-safa>

Thursday:

- ***Canceled* Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer: 11:30am-12:30pm. Meeting ID: 972 4054 8238 Password: 142533
- **Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson: 7:00pm. Meeting ID: 912 657 888 In person location: Belfer Beit Midrash

HONORING IDF SOLDIERS

We will be honoring all those that have served in the IDF, past and present, with a name listing on the shul website. Please email the shul with the member's or family member's name, years served, and unit. Email renee@lss.org



Chanukah

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DVAR TORAH

Parshat Miketz/Shabbat Chanukah/Rosh Chodesh Tevet
December 4-5
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 distain 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 Suf). 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)

איזהו עשיר, השמח בחלקו

Shabbat Shalom

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DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Vaera 1/1, Bo 1/8, Mishpatim 1/29, & Terumah, Shabbat Zachor 2/5
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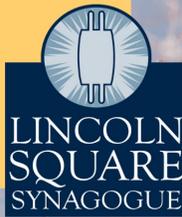
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WOMEN'S TEFILLAH
GROUP:
PARSHAT VAYIGASH



December 11th
9:00am
3rd Floor Gym



LINCOLN SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

Winter Wonderland

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT DINNER

DECEMBER 17

FOLLOWING MINCHA/MAARIV AT 4:15PM
DINNER BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30PM

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Young Professionals Winter Wonderland Kiddush

Shabbat, December 18
Following morning services
Belfer Beit Midrash

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No fee to attend

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Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Chodesh Tevet Shiur

With Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty



**Asnat: Wife of Yosef,
Daughter of Potiphar,
Daughter of Dinah?**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
8:00PM**

Sponsored by Golda Hudes,
in commemoration of the
yahrtzeit of her Mother,
Sara bat Yakov a"h

Join via Zoom

Meeting ID: 885 6034 3511

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Men and women welcome

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