

SHABBAT SCHEDULE
<p>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!</p> <p>Friday night: 4:13pm Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:15pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. 4:31pm Sunset: Latest time to daven Mincha 5:02pm Repeat Shema</p> <p>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 following Musaf by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty. Followed by Main Kiddush on the Spira Family Terrace. <i>Shiur sponsored by the Samuels family in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Alan's uncle, חנוך בן יצחק, Henry Samuels z"l.</i> 9:18am Latest Shema 9:30am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan; Location: The Spira Family Terrace 9:30am Beginners Service led by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; Location: Ballroom: Beginners Kiddush to follow. 9:45am Shabbat Groups; Location: Second Floor Classrooms 10:07am Latest Shacharit 2:40pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with Moshe Sheinwexler; Location: Belfer Beit Midrash 3:30pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur by Assistant Rabbi Yoni Zolty; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Topic: Discussion of This Week's Haftara. 4:05pm Mincha; Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Followed by Seudah Shlishit (for vaccinated individuals only). Location: Ballroom 4:30pm Sunset: daven Mincha 5:13pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah 5:23pm Zoom Havdalah (link in electronic Echod).</p>

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
<p><i>All indoor kiddushim are for vaccinated individuals only.</i></p> <p>Hashkama Kiddush: Steve Kay Kupietzky in honor of his father, Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky's, celebration of his 87th Birthday this past week, עד מאה ועשרים שנה</p> <p>Marjorie Lehman & Ari Klapholz wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.</p> <p>Cholent/Kugel Kiddush: *Sponsored by Lincoln Square Synagogue. Please see next page for a letter from our leadership.</p> <p>Beginners Kiddush: Carolina Borelli in honor of her grandmother.</p> <p>Seudah Shlishit: Generous contributions to the Fund.</p> <p><i>Would you like to sponsor a kiddush for future weeks? Email info@lss.org.</i></p>

MAZAL TOV
<p>Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky on the celebration of his 87th Birthday this past week, ad me'ah v'esrim.</p>

HAKARAT HATOV
<p>On behalf of Anna Frielich and her family, she'd like to thank the LSS community for their warmth, kindness and support during the shiva for her mother, Magdalena Friedmann, Frimat bat Avraham Hakohen V' Toibah, a"h. May we share s'machot in the future.</p>

WEEKDAY MINYAN INFORMATION
<p>Shacharit: Sunday, November 28, Erev Chanukah @ 8:30am Monday, November 29, Chanukah-Friday, December 3, Chanukah @ 7:30am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv: Sunday, November 28, Erev Chanukah-Thursday, December 3, Chanukah @ 4:20pm</p>
ROSH CHODESH
<p>The molad for Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Shabbat 39 minutes and 14 chalakim after 12 noon. Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Shabbat and Sunday.</p>
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
<p>Aliza Penn Kevin Vassar</p>
UPCOMING EVENTS
<p>Monday, November 29th: Shulie Mishkin: My Glorious Brothers: 1:00pm. Via Zoom. How did the Hasmoneans change Jerusalem and Judaism? A "live from Israel" virtual tour about why the Chanukah story is so significant to Jewish and world history, where the events took place, and what happened with the Hasmonean kingdom. Shulie Mishkin, Jewish historian and tour guide whose tours provide a complete picture of the land of Israel and Jewish heritage, with a strong reliance on sources ranging from the Bible to 19th century travelers' reports. Cost: \$10. Register at www.lss.org/event/My-Glorious-Brothers</p> <p>Monday, November 29th: UJA Presents: "Shine a Light" : 5:30pm: Location: Times Square at 44th St. Includes musical performances, public menorah lighting, synchronized billboard display and more.</p> <p>Tuesday, November 30th: Young Professionals Chanukah Party: The Spira Family Terrace: 7:45pm: Young Professionals Chanukah Party: Join LSS YPs, uws//jews, and Babayit for a Chanukah celebration. Drinks, latkes, sufganiyot, and good times! Gift of Life will also be swabbing at this event. Cost: \$18. Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours. See online Echod to register.</p> <p>Wednesday, December 1st: Beginners Chanukah Bash: Belfer Beit Midrash: 7:00pm. Live music by Psachya Septimus. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door results of negative PCR test taken within 48 hours. Register at www.lss.org/beginners.</p> <p>Wednesday, December 1st: A Musical Candle Lighting and Kumzitz with Chazzan Yanky Lemmer: 7:30pm Lighting: outside LSS followed by a kumzitz with hot drinks and donuts. Location: Shele Danishefsky Covlin Foyer.</p> <p>Shabbat, December 11th: Women's Tefillah Group Presents: Parshat Vayigash: 9:00am. Location: 3rd Floor Gym</p> <p>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/wwdinner.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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"h.</p>
<p>*If, due to a disability, you need an accommodation made or you need help registering for an event, please call (212)-874-6100.</p>

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 there will be 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

The parashiyos of Vayeshev until Vayechi see a change in course. We go from reading through the individual stories of our Forefathers to the development into (pre) tribes and towards being a nation, precipitated by a journey to Egypt, via 'the Joseph story' which spans three parashiyos.

Rabbi Daniel Fine quotes the Gemara in Shabbos (10b) which writes as follows: Rav Chama bar Guriah said in the name of Rav 'one should not (intentionally) distinguish between one's children, for because of the two sela's worth of wool (for Yosef's coat) that Yakov gave to Yosef, the brothers became jealous and we went down to Egypt.

The question is what is the connection between the Egyptian slavery and the brothers' jealousy in this week's Parsha?

A possible approach is that slavery of Egypt was necessary to overcome the seeds of jealousy. Jealousy is based on the mistaken thought that everyone should be the same or similar – I want what that person has. Stamping out jealousy requires the recognition that different people have different skillsets, roles, and possessions in life. Thus, the fact that there was one tribe that was not enslaved showed the people that different people can have different roles and yet can still retain their national unity and identity.

When we face rivalry and jealousy, it is key to realize that people are different. It would be a disservice for everyone to be treated the same and to get the same things – people have different characters, personalities, challenges and missions. And this calls for individualism and differentiation.

QUESTIONS

1. What was the special gift given to Yosef by Yakov?
2. Which brother led the others to throwing Yosef in the pit rather than harm him?
3. Where was Yosef sold as a slave?
4. Why did Yosef ask the butler to remember him?

1. A multi colored wool coat
2. Reuven thought that it would be safer for him to persuade the other brothers to throw Yosef in a pit, so he could come back and retrieve him later.
3. He was sold in the city of Dosan
4. He was hoping that the butler would tell Pharaoh that he was being imprisoned unjustly and help him get out

ANSWERS

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



WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- **Sh'eilot and Tshuvot:** 9:15am-10:15am. 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.
- ***Canceled this week* 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:

- ***Last Class* Personalities in Rabbinic Literature led by Rabbanit Mindy Schwartz Zolty:** 12:00pm-1:00pm. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Class will end December 1st.
- **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:

- **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

LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

From Rabbi Robinson, Tamar, Morey, the clergy team and the officers of LSS; As this pandemic carries on, and especially around Thanksgiving time, we are both humbled and in awe of our community.

To our front line workers; we cannot even be fully aware of all the many sacrifices you continue to make, but we are immeasurably grateful to you.

To our Move back committee; Tanya Gershon-Warshawsky, Adam Herbst, Ari Klapholz, Sarah Nash, Jamie Nussbaum, Alan Samuels, Shirley Stark, and Paris Wald-Stulbach; thank you for your time, efforts and expertise. Your care, concern, and commitment to your fellow members, even when presented with unpopular opinions and feedback, is remarkable and inspiring. Thank you.

To our office and custodial staff; thank you for keeping the shul running efficiently.

To all of our parents who are still walking their little ones through this challenging and unprecedented time, we see you, we applaud you, and we're here for you.

To all of our members, near and far, in whatever circumstance you find yourself in, know that we are grateful to you for being a part of Lincoln Square Synagogue and we wish you safety, health, and happiness always.

The greatest Hakarat Hatov goes to the big Boss, HaShem, for bringing us to this point both individually and collectively as a Shul. May we be blessed with many more years together celebrating happy occasions in good health.

Happy Thanksgiving!

***Important Note:** coping with the stress of the COVID-19 outbreak has caused a significant spike in anxiety and depression. If you or someone you love needs help please do not be afraid to ask for help. Your community cares for you. Reach out to rabbi@lss.org or tamar@lss.org if you need help connecting to a professional.

DVAR TORAH

Parsha Vayeshev
November 27, 2021
Written by Evan Sehgal

As with beauty, truth is often in the mind of the beholder. The world is confusing. We make sense out of it by organizing observations onto a template created by our genes, personality and experiences. Events reinforce our biases rather than challenge them. "Facts" can be used by different people to support diametrically opposing conclusions.

Who sold Joseph to Egypt? Let us ask three people who think they know: Rashi, the Brothers and Joseph.

Rashi: Joseph reported to Yaakov that his brothers were eating אבר מן החי, a limb torn from a living animal and חשודים על העריות, they were suspected of illicit relationships (Rashi 37:2). The brothers were convinced that Joseph was attempting to get them disinherited from Judaism, just as Ishmael and Esav had been excluded in previous generations. Joseph was a ,רודף, pursuer, and the brothers had every right to stop him, even if it meant killing him. Ultimately, the brothers chose to banish Joseph to Egypt. Except for Reuven, the brothers had clear consciences. They pulled Joseph out of the pit, sold him to the Ishmaelites who sold him to the Midianites who sold him to the Medanites who sold him to Potiphar (37:28). [The Medanites who sold him in Egypt were brothers of the Midianites. Avraham had several children with Keturah, two of whom were Medan and Midian, (Bereshit 25:2)].

The Brothers: Joseph was always abusing his position as the favorite son to diminish us in our father's eyes. Joseph probably came to Dothan to document some other deficiency in our behavior and report that back to Dad (Sforno 37:18). He wanted to have us banished from the family, just as great-uncle Ishmael and uncle Esav were. Joseph even had the nerve to tell us his dreams where we all genuflect and recognize him as our master. He probably told us the dreams to provoke us (Sforno). We have every right to kill him, he is a רודף (Sforno). Oh, all right, we won't actually kill him; but we will scare him into a serious attitude correction. We left him in the pit and went back to Dothan to retrieve our sheep (Rashbam). We had to get away from Joseph's screaming. How is a person supposed to enjoy his lunch with all that racket? After mulling it over, Judah pointed out that all we really wanted was to be rid of him. From our hilly vantage point in Dothan, Judah spotted a caravan of Ishmaelites in the distance traveling along the ancient trade route (Via Maris). It stretched from Jordan/Gilad through the Jezreel Valley to the coast and then south to Egypt (Menachem Leibtag). We kicked back for a while and planned to intercept the caravan in the afternoon at the pit and sell Joseph to them.

In the middle of lunch, Reuven left, mumbling some excuse about having to return to help Dad (Rashi). We found Reuven back at the pit, tearing his clothes and crying that Joseph was gone. (37:29-30). Apparently, Midianite traders got there first. They probably heard Joseph screaming, pulled him out of the pit (37:28) and sold him to the Ishmaelites. There is nothing we could do except soak Joseph's coat in goat's blood and hope Dad jumps to the conclusion Joseph was attacked by wild animals and is dead. Later on, in Egypt, when things started to go south, we realized we were being punished for ignoring Joseph's screams (Bereshit 42:21). But why should we regret selling him to Egypt, we didn't!

Why does history blame us for selling Joseph? (On Yom Kippur the terrible deaths of the ten martyrs are said to be retribution for selling Joseph into slavery). Perhaps, because תחילתו בפשיעה וסופו באונס חייב (Bava Metzia 36 and 42). If a deed starts as negligence (throwing Joseph into the pit) and damage results from an unavoidable mishap (the Midianites came along and stole Joseph) the originators – we brothers - are responsible. But all we wanted to do was scare him.

Joseph: I love my brothers. I saw them misbehaving and was too young to correct them myself. So, I told Dad, hoping he would be discrete. But, of course, Dad's parenting skills are a little weak. Then I had these troubling dreams. I went to my brothers to ask them to interpret them for good (Berachos 55b), but it just made them angry. How could I know the dream meant that one day there would be a famine and I would be the only one with food (Abarbanel); my sheaf would be standing enabling me to feed my family (Ohr HaChaim).

Dad knew they never included me, but once he thought I was old enough, he sent me to join them. Holy smokes, it was a trap! Dad must have been in on it! I thought he loved me! [That is why Joseph never attempted to contact his father even when he was Viceroy in Egypt (R. Yoel Bin-Nun)].

I screamed my head off for a while but they just left me in the pit. When I thought all was lost, the Midianites showed up. My brothers must have sold me to them and told them where to find me. The Midianites sold me to a caravan of Ishmaelites and, ultimately, I was sold to Potiphar. When I saw my brothers all those years later, I was a little surprised they never expressed regret for selling me, but I knew they were merely pawns in G-d's plans (45:5-7).

Which version is the truth? Each of them and none of them. Only Hashem knows the objective truth. No matter how sure we are of ourselves, we are commanded to judge our fellow man with kindness, בצדק תשפט עמיתך. (Vayikra 19:15). "One who judges his fellow man favorably is himself judged favorably" by G-d and by his fellow man (Shabbat 127b). And who knows, they, not you, might really be right.

Shabbat Shalom

DVAR TORAH

The next Shabbatot available to write a Dvar Torah are:
Miketz 12/4, Vayechi 12/18, Vaera 1/1/22 & Bo 1/8/22
If interested, please email Bill Greenbaum at dvar@lss.org.



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Lincoln Square Synagogue Presents:

A Musical Candle Lighting and Kumzitz with Chazzan Yanky Lemmer

Wednesday December 1st
7:30pm

Lighting to be held outside LSS
followed by a kumzitz with hot
drinks and sufganiyot in the Shele
Danishefsky Covlin Foyer

To sponsor this beautiful evening please email
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LSS Beginners Chanukah Bash

Lots of Ruach! Dinner with all the Chanukah trimmings!

Where: Lincoln Square Synagogue

When: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Cost: \$25 per person in advance
\$30 at the door

Live Music By Psachya Septimus

The Beginners Chanukah Bash is open
only to those who are fully vaccinated.



I would like to attend the LSS Beginners Chanukah Party on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 7 PM.
 Payment for reservations must be received by Monday, November 29th.
 Register online at www.lss.org/beginners

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: H () _____ E-mail: _____
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 Number of reservations: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



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 Lincoln Square Synagogue - Attn: Rabbi Buchwald
 100 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10023
 Cost is \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door

LSS Youth Department Chanukah Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
ON THE TERRACE

Join us for arts and crafts, donut
decorating & dreidel playing!

Cost: \$10 per child

Families are welcome and encouraged to join!

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 Chanukah Miracle \$360 (includes 8 tickets)
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Winter Wonderland

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT DINNER

DECEMBER 17

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

PETAK'S CATERING

MEMBERS-\$60
 NON-MEMBERS-\$70
 CHILDREN-\$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/WWDINNER



Young Professionals Winter Wonderland Kiddush

Shabbat, December 18

Following morning services

Belfer Beit Midrash

Must be vaccinated (12+) or show at the door
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No fee to attend

Please register in advance

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