

Shabbat Schedule

4:12pm Shabbat Candle Lighting and Chanukah Candle Lighting

Friday Night

4:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary . Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

5:45pm LSS Chanukah Buffet (reservations only)

8:00pm Speaker **Yola Reitman** on her secret rescue mission of Ethiopian Jews.
Location:Belfer Beit Midrash

Shabbat Morning

7:40am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Shiur given by **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by **Community Intern, Zissy Turner** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary on *“Would it Kill You to Call?-Yosef’s Silence”*

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary led by **Chazzan Sherwood Goffin**. Sermon given by **Community Intern, Zissy Tuner on "Ma'alin BaKodesh- Yehudah's Rise to Greatness"** following Musaf.

9:15am Beginners Service led by **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm LL201

9:31am Latest Shema

9:45am Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash led by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld**.

10:00am Youth Groups for children ages 2-12

11:00am “Baby & Me” (ages 0-24 months, 3rd floor gym)

Shabbat Afternoon

2:45pm Beginners Mishna Chavura with **Moshe Sheinwexler** in the Belfer Beit Midrash

3:00pm Herb Weiss Bikur Cholim Society: Meet in the lobby to visit patients at Mount Sinai West

3:15pm Samson Raphael Hirsch Bible Class with **Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald** in Rm 211

3:15pm Louis & Rhoda Lazar Memorial Shiur given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on *A Little Light Pushes Away Alot of Darkness: Pablo Picasso on Chanukah*

4:00pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit.

5:12pm Ma’ariv/ Shabbat Ends and Chanukah Candle Lighting

ROSH CHODESH

The molad for Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Mon. Afternoon 41 minutes and 1 chelek after 1 PM. Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be on Mon. and Tues.

THIS SHABBAT

Founding Chazzan, Sherwood Goffin, will lead his famous and special Shabbat Davening featuring Hallel and several Chanukah niggunim in both Shacharit and Musaf. Sing along!

Friday Evening•5:45pm• SS Annual Chanukah Buffet (Reservations only)

Friday Evening • Entire Community Invited • 8:00pm

Meet the Modern Day Maccabee!

נס גדול היה שם

The year is 1982. Yola Reitman is an El AL flight manager. In her spare time, she sails a yacht and scuba dives. Then the Mossad called. Over the next three years, Yola and her team rescued over 12,000 Ethiopian Jews as part of “Operation Brothers.” As we celebrate the ancient miracles associated with Hanukkah, we will hear about a modern day miracle and meet one of its heroes. The true story of Israeli intelligence, courage and chutzpah while embedded in a hostile Arab country reads like a story right out of a spy novel. Also, learn about the soon-to-be-opened Israel Spy Museum.
Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

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Hashkama Kiddush: Sponsored anonymously in honor of Shabbat Chanukah

Main Kiddush: **The Lubitz family** in commemoration of the first yahrtzeit of Lisanne's father, Eli Melech ben Avraham z”l, and the yahtrzeits of Arthur's mother, Devora bat Feivel a”h and sister, Shifra bat Yitzchak a”h.

Judy and Joe Pollak in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of Judy’s father, Chaim Asher Selig HaCohen z”l.

Gloria and Richard Kestenbaum in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of their beloved fathers, Israel Stieglitz z”l and Bernard Kestenbaum z”l.

Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush: Sponsored anonymously in honor of Shabbat Chanukah and Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld and Rabbi Shaul Robinson.

Beginners Kiddush: **Masako Otani** in honor of Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald and his dedication to the Beginners Service.

Seudah Shlishit: **Rocky and Freddy Kohn** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of their beloved fathers, Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman z”l and Mr. Henry Kohn z”l.

NEXT SHABBAT

Davening led by **Chazzan Yanky Lemmer**

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MAZAL TOV

Scott and Susan Eleff on the birth of a grandson. Mazal tov to the parents, Michael Benjamin and Ruth Ida Eleff, of Stamford, Connecticut, and mazal tov to big sister, Sophie Eleff.

Nitza and Micah Bloomfield on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Ariella to Joel Hyman, son of Phil and Janet Hyman of Bergenfield NJ.

HAKARAT HATOV

Paul Shaviv for writing this week’s Dvar Torah.

Steve Eisenberg for donating the festive inflatable menorah located in our lobby in memory of Steve’s father, Walter Eisenberg z”l. May the joy and light of Chanukah fill your homes!

Claire Nogid, Eric Glassburg and family extend their gratitude to the LSS community. “Thank you for the kind donations to different charities, the food deliveries, and visits with good wishes and gracious words in memory of **Pearl Glassburg**, our dear sister, aunt, and mother.”

Blima and Joel Abramson thank “Rabbi Robinson and the entire LSS community for your overwhelming chizuk over the course of Shayna’s surgery.”

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE :

December 17

MINCHA/ MA’ARIV:
4:20pm (Sun-Thurs)

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SUNDAY (Chanukah)	MONDAY (Rosh Chodesh), TUESDAY (Rosh Chodesh), WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:00am, 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:00am, 7:40am	Shacharit: 7:00am, 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:10am, 7:50am

END OF THE YEAR REMINDER

Please note that end of the year payments are due to close out any open 2017 balances.
We ask that you kindly send in your 2018 dues. Thank you!



WINE SEALERS



LSS wine sealers are for sale in the shul office! Use to seal your wine on a daily basis; store bottles easily on their side or on- the-go without fear of leakage. Made of 100% silicone. Silicone is kitchen safe and food grade. Makes for a great Chanukah and Shabbat gift to bring with your bottle of wine. 5 colors options available: Black, Gold, Pink, Purple and Burgundy. To purchase yours today visit

www.lss.org/form/wine-sealers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 18 • 7:00pm • Beginners Annual Chanukah Bash. Live music by Rabbi Elly Krinsky.

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Register online at www.lss.org/beginners

Monday, December 25 • 9:45am-11:00am • Yom Iyun Event Please join Rabbi Yona Goodman, Director of Education for Yeshivot Bnei Akiva in conversation with Rabbi Shaul Robinson on the topic of "Israel/Diaspora relationship through the lens of Jewish Education" Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

Wednesday, December 27 • 7:30pm • The Annual Westside Mikvah Fundraiser. The Rebbetzins of the Upper West Side cordially invite the women of the community to celebrate & support the Upper West Side Mikvah. Donate, Register & learn more at www.westsidemikvahfundraiser.com or contact uwsrebbetzins@gmail.com. Location: the Home of Shannon Penson, 535 West End Ave, Apt 14 (at the corner of 86th St)

Thursday, December 28 • Shacharit-Mincha • Asara B'Tevet Food Drive. More details to follow.

Saturday, January 6 • Beginners Luncheon. The cost is only \$25 per person. Register and pay online at www.lss.org/beginners or call 212-874-6100. Please make your reservations and payment by Thursday, January 4th.

Sunday January 7

• **10:00am–4:00pm • Upper West Side Blood Drive @ The Jewish Center**, a partnership between UWS synagogues to provide blood for New York Blood Drive. To schedule an appointment, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/UpperWestSideBloodDrive>. Address: 131 W 86th Street, 1st Floor Auditorium

• **10:00am-11:45am • LSS/Koren Book Launch** Location: Belfer Beit Midrash. More details to follow.

• **11:15am • LSS Museum Tour presents Arthur Szyk: Soldier in Art.** The exhibit explores the activism of the Polish Born artist through more than 40 works that underscore Szyk's role as a kind of "one man army" fighting odious policies and protagonists, and advocating civil and human rights. Cost: \$30. Docent Guide: Irvin Ungar, Szyk expert. Meet in the NY Historical Society Main Lobby, 170 CPW, at 11:00am. Register at www.lss.org/event/museumtour

Wednesday, January 10 • 7:00pm-9:00pm • A Conversation with Judge Rachel Freier – New York's First Female Hasidic Judge

Co-presented with UJA. Judge Rachel Freier's personal path to the bench is a powerful one. Discover the journey she took to become the first elected Hasidic female judge and hear about the life-changing work she does throughout her community. Judge Freier will be interviewed by Jodi J. Schwartz, current chair of UJA's Caring Department and past chair of the Lawyer Division.

Saturday, January 13 • 7:30 pm • Illustrated Presentation: EL AL Airlines - Israel's Lifeline to the World. Fully illustrated presentation by LSS member Marvin G. Goldman, airline historian, author of 'EL AL: Israel's Flying Star,' collector of over 40,000 items of EL AL memorabilia, and retired corporate lawyer. Marvin's presentation will highlight EL AL's relationship to the history of the State of Israel, in a prelude to their 70th anniversary in 2018. Register at <https://www.lss.org/event/el-al.html>

Thursday, January 18 • 7:00 pm • LSS Film club presents "The Religious Revolution in Israeli Cinema and TV". How did the world of Israeli cinema and TV change from a secular, Tel Aviv-based perspective, to the culturally diverse landscape captivating audiences around the world? Hedva and Gilad Goldschmit, an observant husband-wife team deeply immersed in Israel's film industry will guide us through that transformation. In particular, they'll focus on the evolution of religious life and characters as depicted on the Israeli screen, including clips of *Shtisel* and *Srugim*. Register at www.lss.org/films. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are times when, for various reasons, classes may be canceled. If you would like to confirm that any particular class is indeed taking place please call the shul office at 212-874-6100. To see our full Adult Ed. Brochure please visit our website at www.lss.org

Sunday

- **Sunday Morning Responsa** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 9:15am-10:00am - Belfer Beit Midrash.
- **Sunday Morning Beit Midrash Program**; 10:15am– 11:45am. Come and join our Rabbinic interns as we begin a new season of the Beit Midrash program. Participants will have the choice of two different tracks of learning: Jewish Philosophy and Halacha. Both groups will learn in study groups in the Beit Midrash to create the best learning atmosphere. Breakoff discussions and lectures will follow.

Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 10:30am– 11:30am – LL201
- **Gemara b'Shana** in Memory of Bruce Ritholtz led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:15pm– 8:15pm Belfer Beit Midrash
- **Beit Midrash Night, The Book of Samuel II** led by Ron Platzer ; 7:30pm -8:30pm. Room 211

Wednesday:

- **Beit Midrash night: The Subversive Religious Poetry of Yehuda Amichai** given by Sara Brzowsky; 8:00pm-8:45pm - Rm 207

Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer; 11:30am-12:30pm - Rm LL201. Last weeks Topic: Do you control your finances or do your finances control you?
- **The Jacob Adler Parsha Class:** Explorations in the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 7:00pm–8:00pm– Belfer Beit Midrash

Youth 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



Youth Schedule:

10:00 am - Drop off
10:30 am - Davening
11:00 am - Put the Latke in the Pot - Circle Time (Rooms 210 & 3rd Floor Gym)
11:15 am - Jelly Bean Dreidel (Rooms 206, 207, 208)
11:30 am - Go Bananas Menorah Building (Rooms 210-211)

****Please note that beginning this Shabbat, Dec 16, the 3-4 year old groups will take place in Room 211 and the K-1st groups will take place in Room 208.****

Parshat Miketz

This week we celebrate Chanukah, the miracle of defeating the Greeks and having the oil burn for eight days and nights. The war against the Greeks was a spiritual war. The Greeks wanted the Jewish people to adopt their religion. When the Jews refused, the Greeks began to persecute them. We learn from Chanukah about the importance of religious freedom.

In Parshat Miketz, Pharaoh has strange dreams: In the first dream, seven healthy cows come out of the Nile river, followed by seven cows that are sickly. The sickly cows eat the fat cows but don't gain weight. In Pharaoh's second dream, seven healthy ears of grain grow out of a stalk while seven more ears of grain grow thin and shriveled. The thin grains swallow the healthy grains. When none of Pharaoh's men can interpret the dreams, the butler remembers Yosef. After spending 12 years in jail, Yosef tells Pharaoh the meaning of the dreams; seven years will be prosperous with food, followed by seven more years of famine. Impressed by the interpretation, Pharaoh appoints Yosef to be second in command in Egypt: *"No man will lift his hand or foot without your permission."* (Genesis 41:44) and gives Yosef his ring, signifying that Yosef is the ruler. After the seven years of plenty ends, the seven years of famine begin, a famine so harsh that it stretches across the Middle East. Yakov sends his sons to get food from Egypt and Yosef discovers his brothers entering through 12 gates. Yosef imprisons them for three days, accuses them of spying and commands them to bring their younger brother. Yosef keeps Shimon imprisoned. When the brothers get home, they find their money returned. They tell Yakov of Yosef's request, but Yakov refuses to let Binyamin go. When they run out of food again, Yehuda steps forward and promises to protect Binyamin. The brothers arrive back in Egypt and are invited to Yosef's house for lunch. Yosef tells his servant to put his goblet in Binyamin's saddle bag. Once the brothers leave the city, Yosef sends his men and accuses the brothers of stealing. The Parsha ends when the goblet is found in Binyamin's saddle bag. Yehuda steps forward and says we will all stay as your slaves. Yosef says only Binyamin must stay.

This week our children will ask:

Which two miracles happened on Chanukah?
Why did the Greeks persecute the Jews?
How did Yosef interpret Pharaoh's dreams?
Where was Yosef for 12 years?
What was the special name that Pharaoh gave Yosef?



December 23rd

"Movie and Pizza Night" featuring Muppet Treasure Island.

Register at <http://www.lss.org/event/youthmovie>

February 25

LSS Purim Carnival

Baby & Me

"Baby & Me," a program for parents and their younger children, ages twenty-four months and under. Join us for your baby's first introduction to the youth department with tummy time exercises, musical tefillah, stories, and snacks. "Baby & Me" runs from 11:00am - 11:45am in the gym on the 3rd floor. Please note that while all other Youth Club groups are drop off only, Baby & Me requires that one parent stay with your child for the duration of the program.



Shabbat Shalom! Ariella & Mendel

Teen Department

After an outstanding Teen Oneg last Friday, LSS Teens are ready to take on Chanukah with an exciting day of competition, oily foods and lots of Chanukah lights!

Sunday December 17 • 9:30am-12:00pm Join us for Davening, Hallel, Brunch and a special Maccabiah. Location: pre-function room

If you'd like to sponsor a teen Kiddush or event, or stay apprised about upcoming teen events, email us at teens@lss.org. To join our WhatsApp group, add 201-527-8227.

Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel

“Flickering shadows of the Chanukah lights” – Shabbat Chanukah

The Assyrian Greeks had defiled the Beit Hamikdash. Chanukah – “Dedication” – celebrated its cleansing and rededication in 165 BC, after a successful Maccabean army recaptured Jerusalem. Josephus had been the first to record a name of the festival which was associated with lights – “Chag Urim” – but even he confesses that he isn’t quite sure why.

What could be simpler to summarize than Chanukah? A jar of oil ... one day ...eight days... add a *sufganiyah* and a *latke* – the picture is complete!

Chanukah is more widely celebrated today than ever, but in reality, it is a puzzling and complex festival. Does it celebrate the military victory or the miracle of the oil? Why is it celebrated for eight days?

Some other questions include (but are by no means limited to):

- The strange question posed by the Talmud – “Mai Chanukah – What is Chanukah?”. The response introduces the story of the miracle of the oil for the first time – five or six hundred years after the event. But why is it necessary to even ask the question?
- If not because of the miracle of the oil, why is Chanukah eight days? Is Chanukah really Sukkot? The Second Book of Maccabees, one of the closest documents we have to the events of 165 BCE, states that in that year the Jews had not been able to celebrate Sukkot in the *Beit Hamikdash*. When they gained access to it, they celebrated a delayed Sukkot. Scholars have suggested many other connections between Sukkot and Chanukah.
- Several Temple-connected festivities recorded by the *Nevi'im* lasted seven or eight days. Was that, then, the ‘standard’ to which Chanukah conformed?

And this is just the beginning. We see the military and cultural conflicts as very clear good guy/bad guy issues. More recent scholarship sees shades of grey. Do we really understand what was happening at that time? Nor have we entered into the subsequent Jewish disputes. Why, for example, is Chanukah barely mentioned in the Mishnah? Why do we say *Hallel* on every day of Chanukah, when we don’t say it at all on Purim?

And then we reach the miracle of the oil.

- It is astonishing that this miracle is now Chanukah's near-universal symbol. It was historically a minor, even tangential part of the story, not mentioned at all in the Books of the Maccabees or Josephus. It does not even appear until hundreds of years after the first Chanukah!
- However, we learn from the Talmudic discussion that by Rabbinic times Jews already lit Chanukah lights. How the lights were lit was not standardized. The origins and *raison d’être* of the festival was not at all clear. Beit Shammai raises the Sukkot connection. He argues – unsuccessfully – that we should light Chanukah lights in decreasing numbers (eight on the first night, seven on the second, etc.) to parallel the decreasing number of bulls sacrificed on each successive day of Sukkot.
- ‘*Hanerot Hallalu*’ and ‘*Al Hanissim*’ refer to oil -- but not as a miracle. The emphasis in ‘*Al Hanissim*’ is on the military victory.

There are many undertones about the light/fire motifs in the story. (We heard about some from Professor Secunda last Shabbat.)

So Chanukah is a very confusing story. Delving into its origins uncovers multiple hidden layers.

- *It moved from a festival celebrating rededication of the Beit Hamikdash -- to a festival celebrating the military victory -- to a festival celebrating the miracle of the oil.*

Modern transformations and popularizations confuse our picture even more. It is the most Americanized of our festivals; Judah the Maccabee would certainly not recognize today’s Chanukah.

No-one can object to Jewish festivals becoming more popular. But Chanukah development as a Jewish rival to ‘another winter celebration’ has entailed a certain dumbing down. Even the humble *sufganiyyah*, itself of dubious authenticity, is becoming a sophisticated item of gourmet patisserie!

We complain a great deal about contemporary ‘stringencies’ which bedevil Orthodoxy. 21st-century, consumer-driven, populist Chanukah is a rare case of a mitzvah which has become more, not less popular. Maybe we ‘Modern Orthodox’ should embrace it in its mass-market glory – as Chabad have done.

So here is my challenge: What lessons can we learn from Chanukah’s success – at a time when almost every other Jewish observance is declining? How can our synagogue reach out and energize the wider community to build on that popular enthusiasm?

To do so successfully would certainly be a modern Chanukah miracle!

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Urim Sameach!