

## Shabbat Schedule

4:14pm Candle Lighting

## Friday Night

4:20pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary. Dvar Torah given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**.

## Shabbat Morning

7:45am Hashkama Minyan in the Belfer Beit Midrash followed by Shiur given by **Dr. Moshe Sokolow**

8:30am Parsha Shiur given by **Rabbinic Intern, Zachary Rothblatt** in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

9:00am Services in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary . Sermon given by **Rabbi Shaul Robinson** followed by Mussaf

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

9:17am 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 in the Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary given by **Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld** on "*A Hazy Shade of Winter*": *Turning the Darkest Season into Light* . Sponsored by **Dorothea Krieger** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of her grandmother Devora Kressel bat Eliezer (Dora Krieger) a"l, her great uncle Shimon ben Eliezer z"l and her cousin Bezalel ben Yechiel z"l.

4:00pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit.

5:14pm Ma'ariv/ Shabbat Ends

## SAVE THE DATE

Rabbi and Mrs. Robinson look forward to celebrating with all members of the community at their son's wedding which will take place in Monsey on Tuesday Evening, January 16. Invitations will be mailed shortly.



## THANK YOU TO OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS

**Hashkama Kiddush:** The **Neumark family** in honor of Avery's special birthday

**Steve Kay Kupietzky** in honor of his father, Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky's, having a Refuah Shlema, and in celebration of his 83rd Birthday this past week, עד מאה ועשר'ם

**Main Kiddush:** Sponsors welcome

**Rabbi Herschel Cohen Memorial Minyan Kiddush:** **Pinchas Zekry** in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his grandmother, Rachel Cohen bat Rav David and Frecha a"l.

**Beginners Kiddush:** **Louis and Sarah Leah Vynerib** in commemoration of the yahrtzeits of Lou's beloved father, Moshe ben Elazar HaKohen z'l, and Sarah Leah's beloved mother, Sima bat Chava a"l and in honor our their dear granddaughters Yehudis' and Malka Sima's birthdays.

**Seudah Shlishit:** **Gary, Noam and Tova Miller** in commemoration of yahrtzeit of the Gary's father and Noam and Tova's grand father, Nathan Miller, Natan ben Yosef z'l.

## MAZAL TOV

**Andy Siegel** on the birth of a granddaughter in Jerusalem on November 16th . Mazal Tov to parents Batya and Yitzchak Shmalov.

**Leah and Ephraim Savitt** on the recent engagement of their son Raeli to Jenna Greenbaum. Mazal Tov to Raeli's brothers Abbaleh and Shimi, and to his sisters Simona and Rachel.

**Stuart A. Shoreinstein**, of Cozen O'Connor and member of the Crime Commission's Board of Directors, who is being honored with the Distinguished Service Award at their 7th Annual Awards Reception on November 27.

**Michelle Salig** who is being honored with the Keter Shem Tov Award at the Emunah Dinner on December 2.

**Rabbi and Sarah Robinson** on being the guests of honor at Ohr Torah Stone's annual dinner taking place at LSS on December 5.

## HAKARAT HATOV

**Fred Ehrman** for writing this week's Dvar Torah.

## LSS SURVEY—EXTENDED DEADLINE!

We refuse to give up on our goal of hearing from *YOU!* The deadline has been extended! As of today, **our response rate is 56% from 280 people** — just 20 people away from our 60% participation goal. Our new survey deadline is **Monday, November 27**. We're days away — let's make it count and smash our goal!

Register today at [www.lss.org/haveyoursay](http://www.lss.org/haveyoursay)

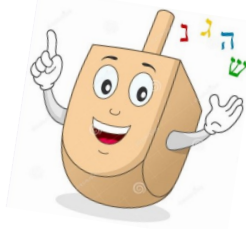


*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE FOR:		
	November 26	Mincha/Ma'ariv: 4:20pm (Sun-Thurs)
Sunday	Monday and Thursday	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Daf Yomi: 7:45am	Daf Yomi: 6:15am	Daf Yomi: 6:20am
Shacharit: 7:10am, 8:30am	Shacharit: 7:00am, 7:50am	Shacharit: 7:10am, 7:50am

# CHANUKAH AT LSS



**Friday and Saturday, December 8-9 • Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton** \$50 includes three meals (\$25 for just lunch) Don't miss it. Payment and reservations must be received by December 4th. Register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners)

**Wednesday, December 13 • 7:00pm • Youth Department Latka Cook Off!** Visit [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org) and click on the flyer to register

**Friday, December 15 • 5:45pm • LSS Annual Chanukah Buffet Dinner**— registration is now open!

To register please visit <http://www.lss.org/event/lss-chanukah-dinner-.html>

**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](http://www.lss.org/beginners)

## Chanukah Shopping Suggestions:

1. **www.smile.amazon.com:** Chanukah is around the corner! As you shop for gifts, decorations, and more please remember to shop and choose Lincoln Square Synagogue as your charity of choice. LSS will receive a portion of all sales. It only takes a moment but the support is forever appreciated.
2. **West Side Judaica:** Please consider purchasing your Chanukah needs and gifts at West Side Judaica and support our local Judaica store in the process.
3. **LSS wine sealers :** LSS wine sealers coming soon for sale in the LSS 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, December 3 • 11:00am • New Members Brunch.** New members are invited to the Robinson's for a welcome brunch. More details to follow

**Motzei Shabbat, December 9 • 8:00pm • Film Committee Presents: No. 17.** The year is 2002. Seventeen people are killed when a bus explodes at Megiddo Station near Tel Aviv. Sixteen of them are identified. But who is Number 17? With a mix of persistence and even humor, director David Ofek follows the experts as they deploy their forensic ingenuity to close the case. In the process, we see a portrait of everyday Israelis determined to maintain their normal behavior no matter what. The movie is in Hebrew with English subtitles. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Register at [www.lss.org/film](http://www.lss.org/film) or call the office at 212 874 6100

**Sunday, December 10 • 10:00am • Converts in Conversation** Calling all converts to our first brunch! Join us in conversation as we discuss the challenges around the end-of-the-year holidays. This initiative is organized by converts and long time LSS members, Rachel Zekry and Chaviva Warner, with support of Rabbi Robinson and LSS, along with generous sponsors. Please note this event is for those that have already completed the conversion process. Location: Belfer Beit Midrash

**Friday, December 15 • Meet the Original Wonder Women** The year is 1982. Yola Reitman is an EL AL manager. In her spare time, she sails a yacht and scuba dives. Then the Mossad called. Over the next three years, she and her team rescued over 12,000 Ethiopian Jews as part of the Operation Brothers. Yola will share her exploits right after the LSS Chanukah dinner. You will also hear about the soon to be opened Israel Spy Museum. You are welcome to attend the program even if you do not register for the dinner. Location: Nathaniel Richman Cohen Sanctuary

**Saturday, January 13 7:30 pm • 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 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries in 2018. Register at <https://www.lss.org/event/el-al.html>

## 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](http://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.

### Monday

- **The 4th of the 5 session Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level I and Level II ;** 6:30pm-8:00pm. The classes last 1 1/2 hours, and are free and open to all. Register at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Level I: Room 210 Level II: Room 211.
- **Chug Ivrit** given by Hai Piazsky. 7:00pm-8:15pm. In the class, we read articles from the Israeli press, watch videos of news stories, documentaries and comedy clips, listen to (and sing along!) Israeli songs and chat in Ivrit. Room 207
- **Visionary: The Writings of Rav Kook** with Rabbi Josh Rosenfeld; 8:00pm-9:00pm – Belfer Beit Midrash

### Tuesday:

- **The Marilyn & Sam Isler, "Studies in the weekly Parsha"** led by Rabbi Shaul Robinson; 10:30am– 11:30am – LL201
- **Introduction to Bible** with Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald; 6:30-8:00pm. This course provides a general overview of the content and style of the Bible. We will review basic literary and theological approaches to Bible study, traditional and modern, through the analysis of the Biblical text. To register, please call 212-874-6100 or register online at [www.lss.org/beginners](http://www.lss.org/beginners). Cost: \$90, Free to LSS Members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. This is the 6th session of this 8 session course.
- **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
- **Jewish History Seminar: Controversies and Scandals of Jewish History** with Paul Shaviv. 8:00pm-9:00pm– Belfer Beit Midrash. This will be an 8 week series consisting of thought provoking lectures.

### Thursday:

- **Women's Talk Time:** led by School Psychologist Ruth Moser Riemer; 11:30am-12:30pm - Rm LL201. Last weeks "Topic: Which Doctor Should I Choose?"
- **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 208  
**ניצנים** Buds (K-1st) Room 211  
**פרחים** Flowers (2nd-7th) Room 206  
**ענפים** Branches (2nd-7th) Room 207



### Parshat Vayetzai

10:00 am - Drop Off (All Groups)  
10:30 am - Shabbat Davening (All Groups)  
10:50 am - The Birth of the 12 Tribes (All Groups)  
11:00 am - "Put the Turkey in the Pot" - Circle Time  
(Room 210 & 3rd Floor Gym)  
11:00 am - Who stole my idols? - (Rooms 208 & 211)

### Parsha Vayetzai Theme: The Birth of the 12 Tribes

This week's Parsha, *Vayetzai* begins when Yakov meets Rachel by the well. Yakov moves a giant rock and proves that chivalry lives! Rachel brings Yakov home to her father, Lavan. Lavan is excited that Yakov will have wealthy gifts for him like Eliezer, but Yakov has nothing. Lavan tells Yakov he may work seven years to marry Rachel. Seven years pass and Lavan pulls a bait-and-switch on the wedding night and dresses Leah as the bride. Instead of warning Yakov, Rachel tells Leah her secrets so that Leah will not be embarrassed. Lavan tells Yakov that the family tradition is for the eldest daughter to marry first and Yakov can marry Rachel after the Sheva Brachot after which Yakov will work seven more years. Hashem feels badly for Leah, so blesses her with children. Finally, Hashem gave Rachel a son too, Yosef. When Yakov tells Lavan he wants to leave, they agree that any speckled or spotted sheep born will belong to Yakov for compensation. Hashem makes a miracle that all the sheep born are spotted.

### This week our children will ask:

What were the rocks around Yakov foreshadowing?  
What was Yakov's dream?  
Where does Yakov prove that Chivalry still lives?  
Why does Rashi say in Chapter 29, Posuk 11, that Yakov cried when he met Rachel?  
Who does Yakov marry instead of Rachel?  
How many years did Yakov work for Lavan?

### Chopped Latke – Off

Wednesday, December 13  
7:00-9:00pm

\$100 per team (3-5 people) or \$25 solo (we will pair you up with a group) Families are welcome to register as a group.  
Register at [www.lss.org](http://www.lss.org)



**Purim Carnival**  
**February 25**



## 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

We'd love to keep you and your teens posted on upcoming events! Email us at [Teens@LSS.org](mailto:Teens@LSS.org) to join our mailing list and stay apprised of great things to come!

For more information on exciting teen events, to join the teen email list, or to sponsor a Kiddush or event, please email Youth Directors, Ariel & Danielle Serman at [teens@lss.org](mailto:teens@lss.org). Please include your child's name, email address, and birth date.

**Shabbat Shalom! Danielle & Ariel**

## Manhattan Day School

Manhattan Day School, located on the Upper West Side, offers an academically challenging program in a yeshiva day school environment, servicing toddlers through 8th grade. MDS invites you to see them in action and learn for yourself what sets them apart. Private tours are currently being scheduled. Contact Cindy Sherman at 212-376-6800 ext. 534 or [csherman@mdsweb.org](mailto:csherman@mdsweb.org). Application deadline is December 29, 2017.

## What's in a Name?

William Shakespeare famously said, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other word would smell as sweet." (Romeo and Juliet). But in Jewish tradition the name has a much greater significance. It is thought to reflect not only a person's destiny, but also his essence. There is a well-known expression that comes to us in the story of Naval the Carmelite, when he demonstrates his base character in his dealings with David. Abigail his wife, in trying to save her husband's life, says the following. "*Ki Kishmo kain hu, Naval shemo u'nevala imo.*" "He is like his name-his name means Fool, and folly goes with him." (Samuel 1 25:25).

In this week's Torah reading Jacob's first eleven sons are named and each naming is accompanied by the reason for the selection. All of Jacob's sons are considered to be righteous individuals, but we will focus just on two of them, Simeon (Shimon) and Judah (Yehuda). The former was quite problematic, while the latter became the outstanding leader of his family.

Jacob comes to the house of Laban, and falls in love with his younger daughter Rachel who is described as being "beautiful of form and beautiful of appearance." However, he is tricked into marrying Leah, the elder of the daughters, who is pictured as having "weak eyes": only afterwards is he able to marry Rachel, with Laban's rationale that is not customary to "give the younger before the elder."

Leah feels unloved and God sees that she is hated by comparison and allows her to be fertile while Rachel remains barren. Upon giving birth to her second son, she declares, "*Ki shama Hashem ki snuah anochi...vatikra shemo Shimon.*" "Hashem has heard that I am hated...and she called his name Shimon."

When Leah has her fourth son she says, "*Hapa'am odeh et Hashem, al kain kar'ah shemo Yehudah.*" This time let me gratefully praise Hashem, therefore she called his name Yehuda." The Talmud acknowledges this exemplary act of gratitude. "Rabbi Yochanan said in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai: "From the day the Holy One blessed be He created the world, there was no one who offered thanks to Him until Leah came and thanked Him, as it says, 'This time let me gratefully praise Hashem.'"(Berachot 7B)

One son will go through life with the burden of a name that reflects his mother's hated status. The other will reflect a totally different and positive response to his birth by his mother, that of gratitude and praise to the Creator.

Let us now view the life experiences of these two sons, much of which is found in the Midrash. We first encounter Simeon when he and his brother at age thirteen enter the city of Shechem after their sister Dinah was kidnapped and raped. Together with his brother Levi in an act of deception, they massacre all the male inhabitants and plunder their households. His father Jacob harshly criticizes them because of this action. Later on, when Joseph, his father's favorite, and the object of much envy and jealousy among his brothers, approaches them, it is Simeon who proposes that Joseph be put to death and it is Simeon who is the one to throw his younger brother into a pit filled with snakes and scorpions. Years later when Joseph is the viceroy in Egypt he has Simeon held as a hostage. The large part of the tribe of Simeon is involved in the idolatry of Baal Peor causing a large loss in their population as punishment. At the end of the Torah when Moses blesses each of the tribes, he omits the tribe of Simeon. And when the tribes were given their allocated lands after their entry into Canaan, Simeon was given living space within the area of the tribe of Judah.

Contrast this with Judah. Judah is honored more than all his brothers in that the descendants of the Children of Israel are called Yehudim. His brothers appointed him their leader. He saved the life of Joseph and thwarted Simeon's plan. He confesses his relationship with his daughter-in-law Tamar which he could easily have concealed and spared her from an unjust death. He is sent ahead by his father to Egypt to Goshen where Rashi tells us he established a house of study. Jacob in his final blessings to his sons says, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah." Centuries later, ten of the tribes are sent into exile leaving only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. King David descended from Judah and all the future kings would come out of this dynasty. When a family is blessed with a newborn, traditionally a name is given within the first eight days. Often a name of a relative or an admired person is given with the hope that this child will carry some of the positive aspects of the one named after, while at the same time carving out his/her unique gifts given by the Creator. However, we have all witnessed the giving of a name that appears to be totally inappropriate and thoughtless. The stories of Judah and Simeon may give pause to those contemplating taking this path.

Shabbat Shalom.