

# CHUSY Region Sunday Shacharit Live

## *Kinnus 2008*

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(Show INTRO video)

(Show *Wedding Crashers* clip. Play video starting at 1:20)  
(Stop when JEW MAN comes up)

**Jake:** Boker Tov CHUSY! Welcome to Sunday Shacharit Live!! As you might remember from our debut at Kinnus last year, SSL brings the hottest movie clips and the coolest musicians together in one service, to enrich your Shacharit prayer service experience. The previous clip from *Wedding Crashers* portrays a very important message. As we could see, weddings are more fun with family and friends. This is the same with prayer. By being together here at Kinnus, it will be a better t'fillah experience as a region, as a group of friends, and as one huge USY family. Also, as we could see in the clip, the wedding ceremony is more enjoyable with celebration and singing. Our Shacharit experience will be better with more celebration, singing, and ruach. As Owen Willson and Vince Vaughn remembered to put their kippot on before the ceremony, this is a friendly public service announcement reminding you to put your kippot, tallit, and tefillin on. Thanks! So, to get things started off, I would like to introduce you, The Festive Five SSL band for Modeh Ani and Ma Tovv. Please turn to page 2.

Please rise for Birkot Hashachar on page 10.

(before Baruch Sheamar on page 54)

**Avi:** You may be seated. We are in the middle of P'sukei Dezimra, but do you know what you are praying about and to whom you are praying? Does it matter what you are praying about?? Maybe this clip can help you out... (play scene) (Stop when JEW MAN comes up)

**Avi:** [after clip]. Bruce learns a very important point in this scene. The prevailing message is that you should pray about what YOU really want to pray, not what is "expected", for example, world peace. I mean, beauty pageant participants only say that to look good.

**Jake:** But, this isn't Miss Congeniality, so speak what is truly on your mind. Find a time in this service to connect the prayers to YOUR needs, wants, and/or interests. So, please rise as we turn to page 54 for Baruch Sheamar.

**Jake:** We continue on page 80 with Ashrei...make sure you are paying attention...if you are in the group that is called, you better respond!! You'll catch on...

- 1) Cubs fans!
- 2) Sox fans!
- 3) Esteemed guests
- 4) Staff!
- 5) 8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- 6) Freshmen
- 7) Sophomores
- 8) Juniors
- 9) Seniors

10) RGB

11) EVERYONE!!!!

**Avi:** Great job everyone! Now, we turn to the middle of page 88, and here is the SSL Band!

(Before page 92, Az Yashir)

**Avi:** We are about to recite Az Yashir, which retells the miracle of the splitting of the Red Sea when the children of Israel were leaving Egypt, and since Pesach was so long ago, you might have forgotten what *actually* happened. Maybe this can remind you! (play scene) (Stop at JEW MAN)

[after clip] Just like the splitting of the Red-colored tomato soup was a miracle, the splitting of the Red Sea was a miracle, too! But, we should also remember how after we crossed the sea, many of the Egyptians drowned because the sea closed back up. We must always remember that when looking back on this miracle. We are reminded of this miracle every morning as we recite the following prayer. So, please rise as we turn to page 92 for Az Yashir.

Do Az Yashir thru Shema.

(SSL Band to play El Baruch on page 96, ahava rabba thru Shema on page 98-100)

(Before Mi Chamocha page 104)

**Jake:** Are you clueless with all the crazy choreography during the Amidah? Do you need help to know how to do the steps and when to do them? Well I did, so I wrote a little ditty to help you out, yet I did not want to make a fool of myself or the Regional Board, so I commissioned Daniel Novick, USY Religion/Education VP and some SEABOARD USYers to do it for us! Here's the Amidah-Cha Cha Slide! (show clip) (Stop when JEW MAN comes up)

(Continue with Mi Chamocha and Amidah. SSL Band to start playing Adonai S'fati, and end with Oseh Shalom)

(after Amidah)

**Avi:** So, we just had our own personal time to pray to God, and some of us might have questioned God during our own personal prayers... Do YOU know that Bruce was in our position too....he questioned God sometimes....take a look... (play scene) (Stop when JEW MAN comes up)

**Jake:** It is important to question God, but the answers aren't always as easy to find. God is always giving us signs and clues to God's answers... Now that we have prayed, we have to be willing to go the extra step and look for the answers. Some are right in front of us, like in Bruce's case, but others, you gotta go the extra mile to find! Don't be discouraged!

We now turn to page 158 for Kaddish Shalem, please rise.

(Continue until before Adon Olam)

To wrap up the main theme of this morning's service, maybe this scene from *Dogma* can help. (Play scene) (Stop when JEW MAN comes up)

**Avi:** The principal theme conveyed in this service was apparent in this scene. The point of going to services at your synagogue is to feel spiritual and to connect to God, NOT to feel bored and go home hating Judaism! If you are going to shul and being bored during every service, then there is something wrong! I challenge you to go back to your synagogue and do something to make the services more enjoyable so that you are not bored. T'fillot should be enjoyable. Praying should be

an experience that you can use to connect your interests with Judaism. As with all of my programming this year, I hope that this has brought you closer to the Judaism YOU want to find, the Judaism YOU want to enjoy. Whatever it takes, you should be excited and happy to pray!

**Jake:** I would like to thank the SSL Band for their awesomeness as always, and all of you for your active participation and outstanding *ruach*.

And, to close things off, here is the SSL Band for Adon Olam. Adon Olam is found on page 6.

(after Adon Olam- Sharm A Sheich, and Save Tonight)

**Jake and Avi:** That's allllll folks.