



# CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

## The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

### Shabbat Balak

#### July 7–8, 2017

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 669 Haftarah p. 682  
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 778; Haftarah p. 1206

CANDLE LIGHTING | 8:12 pm  
MINHAH | 6:45 pm | Little Synagogue

ZEMIROT | 8:30 am | Levy Auditorium  
SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik delivers a Debar Torah  
“Visiting the Grave of Rabbi Menasseh Ben Israel”

TOT SHABBAT WITH LIZ AND SHANADE | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Room  
YOUTH GROUPS WITH RACHEL | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Children’s Library  
KIDDUSH | Elias Room | *Sponsored by Anonymous*

SHABBAT AFTERNOON PIRKEI ABOT SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik on the topic  
“Jefferson, Pirkei Abot and the Founders’ Conception of Freedom” | 7:05 pm | Levy Auditorium

MINHAH/ARBIT | 8:05 pm  
HABDALAH | 9:12 pm

#### Summer Shabbat Schedule

Evening services are held in the Little Synagogue and morning services in our summer sanctuary in Levy Auditorium. Remember, no food or drink permitted in the Levy Auditorium when it is set up as a sanctuary (hence, Shabbat afternoon Pirkei Abot class is not accompanied by Seudah Shelishit during the summer.

Cold drinks will be available outside of Levy.)

#### Shib`a `Asar BeTammuz

The Fast of Tammuz commemorates the breach of the city walls of Jerusalem. *This Tuesday, July 11 marks the Fast of Tammuz which commemorates the breach of the city walls of Jerusalem, as well as the destruction of the first tablets of the ten commandments following the sin of the golden calf. Fast begins at 3:49 am, morning services begin at 7:15 am, Minhah begins at 7:30 pm (men wear tefillin) and the fast ends at 8:56 pm.*

#### Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 am, Monday-Friday: 7:15 am.  
Evenings (Minha & Arbit): Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6:45 pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

## Q & A: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Tisha B'Ab at Shearith Israel

Z. Edinger | Wednesday, July 26 | 7:15 pm

Tisha B'Ab, commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in ancient Jerusalem as well as other historic tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people. At Shearith Israel, we have a number of unique customs for Tisha B'Ab: The Reader's Desk and Holy Ark are draped in black, the evening and morning services are conducted from a special table-also draped in black-rather than from the Reader's Desk, the synagogue lights are dimmed, and the congregants follow services with small flashlights. The melodies of Tisha B'Ab are somber and deeply moving. Join our Shamash, Z. Edinger, on Wednesday night July 26 as he teaches about these and other S&P customs to expect on Tisha B'ab.

## Toddler Programs: Summer Camp and Fall Semester

Sign up for the Fall semester of our toddler program which begins on Wednesday, September 6. To learn more and to apply, go to [shearithisrael.org/toddler-programming](http://shearithisrael.org/toddler-programming). We also have a few spots left in our Toddler Summer Camp. To sign up, email Deborah Bendheim at [dbendheim@shearithisrael.org](mailto:dbendheim@shearithisrael.org).

## 2017-2018 Membership Dues Early Payment Offer

Members, you should have received notes announcing our 2017-2018 dues structure. Remember, our dues year begins on July 1. The note includes a link that enables you to take advantage of the early bird dues offer and pay all outstanding obligations. If we receive your payment in full by July 31, 2017 (by credit card or postmarked) we will hold your rate at last year's rate. For assistance, please contact Sarah Gross at [sgross@shearithisrael.org](mailto:sgross@shearithisrael.org).

## Curious About Becoming a Shearith Israel Tour Guide?

Do you love Shearith Israel- it's history, customs, architecture, design, and objects? Experience a public tour for yourself on **Wednesday, July 12 at 11:00 am**, led by our master docent, Z. Edinger and then let him know if you would like to join the docent team.

## Staying Comfortable in the Summer

During the summer months, we turn on the air-conditioning in Levy Auditorium. We realize that it sometimes gets a little chilly, especially in the women's section. For your convenience, we provide pashmina scarves.

Our Next Public Tour is:  
**Wednesday, July 12 at  
11:00 am**

## Parnas Office Hours

Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you.  
Please schedule a visit at [parnas@shearithisrael.org](mailto:parnas@shearithisrael.org).