



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue
Shabbat Terumah
February 20-21, 2015

CANDLE LIGHTING | 5:18 pm

MINHAH | 5:30 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | following services | Rabbi Soloveichik gives a talk on: "What George Washington- and Millard Fillmore- Taught Me About Shabbat"
2014-2015 season sponsored by the Julis family
...&BITES | following FNL | Levy Auditorium | Celebrate George Washington with Apple Cider | For registered guests

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Soloveichik delivers a lecture entitled: "Hamataschen, Orejas de Haman, and Krep-lach: A Culinary and Halakhic History of Purim"

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Elias Room

YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Children's library

JR. CONGREGATION Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
Next Assigned Jr. Congregation is February 28

KIDDUSH | Levy auditorium | Sponsored by Simonetta Di Cori and Marco Morselli Cassuto in honor of Congregation Shearith Israel and the Aufzien and Haberman families who hosted their son David Meir Morselli

PARASHAT HASHABUAH: THE PARTS THEY SKIP IN HIGH SCHOOL | Rabbi Hidary | 4:10 pm | For high school students
| Held at the Hidarys' home, 1 W 85th St Apartment 6A

SEUDAH SHELISHIT & SPECIAL PURIM SHIUR
Rabbi Soloveichik | 4:10 pm
Spring Semester Sponsored by Lewis Lipsey

MINHAH/ARBIT | 5:10 pm

KETER SHEM TOB | Rabbi Hidary | Main Sanctuary

HABDALAH | 6:08 pm

Purim 1841

Zechariah Edinger

This past week we celebrated Rosh Hodesh Adar ushering in the Purim season. In this spirit reproduced below are two short articles published in the New York Herald Tribune from March 1841. [These were published online by the "On the Main Line" blog in 2012.]

March 3, 1841: On Saturday evening and on Sunday morning next, all pious Jews and Jewesses attend the Synagogue, on which occasion the Book of Esther, Megillath Ester, will be chaunted by brother Jaques Lyons, and perhaps by brother Ellis, also, both very competent hazanim, readers, and very frum withal. On Sunday, most of the Jews will receive calls, similar to those made on New Year's day. Tables will be set out, furnished with the choicest viands and liquors. Presents of various kinds will be given to the poor, whose hearts will, on this day at least, be made to rejoice. A piece of advice, and we close. Let there be no hammers or mallets used in the Crosby street, when the name of Haman is mentioned; but, in its proper place, let every one exclaim at the top of his voice, zachor letob. We wish one and all, a happy, happy Purim.

March 9, 1841: Purim - This feast, in commemoration of the Salvation of the Jews by the lovely Queen Esther, was very merrily and delightfully kept. We were deprived from visiting the Shule on account of the tremendous storm; and very sorry we are that we could not listed to the sweet chanting of the Megilla by the Reverend Jacques Lyons. We understand that there were only about forty-five who attended. On Sunday, however, it was somewhat pleasant; which afforded an excellent opportunity to hear the Magilla, and to pay Purim calls. The Spanish Jews behaved well throughout the day and evening; but some of our Tiche friends eat and drank too much. They must learn to deny themselves both in the Succa and on Purim day,- and indeed, on all other holy days. They must not "make their God their belly." We are happy to learn that no noise was made when the name of Haman was read; and also that with one shout of triumph every Hebrew cried out zachor letob after the word leharbona, following the good advice of the Herald.

Some items of note: The Crosby Street Synagogue was in use from 1835 – 1860. Rev. Jacques Judah Lyons was Hazzan from 1839-1877. A beautiful plaque to his memory is located in the back of the synagogue. Discouraging the use of noisemakers and encouraging the shouting of "Zachor leTob" is still the custom today more than 170 years later. The author freely uses Yiddish words like *shul* and *frum* – but also appears to have a Sephardic bent criticizing the Ashkenazim (Tiche = Deutsche) for eating and drinking to excess on the holiday

Young Members + Friends Shabbat Dinner

Friday Night, February 27 | Elias Room

Our young professional membership has greatly increased recently, enhancing our core group of young members who have been with us for many years. We want to get to know you all better, and we want you to know one another. We also encourage you to invite friends who are intrigued by the synagogue. We hope you can join us! \$36 - Please RSVP, at shearithisrael.org/young_members_shabbat_dinner by noon, Wednesday, February 25.

Co-sponsored by Learners' Service and JICNY

Musical Habdalah

Saturday, February 28 | Elias Room

7:00 pm following the synagogue Habdalah

This Habdalah introduces melodies and songs from various traditions accompanied by musical instruments.

Hazakot U'berukhot to Sara Goldstein, Lia Solomon and Elizabeth Aufzein for representing Shearith Israel in the UJA-Federation of New York PovertySLAM under the mentorship of Esther Hidary. The Shearith Israel team was awarded a grant to implement their ideas!

Mazal Tob

to Ruth and Irwin Shapiro on the wedding of their granddaughter

Shearith Israel Book Club

Wednesdays March 11, April 15, and May 13

Location in a private home | Esther Hidary

If you have been looking for a great book to read and crave intellectual literary discussion, join the Shearith Israel book club! Please complete the readings in advanced and come prepared for a deep analysis and conversation. RSVP to ehidary@gmail.com and start reading!

8:00 pm | March 11: The Betrayers by David Bezmozgis

Our next public tour is:
Tuesday, March 10 at 11:00 am

Meet with our Parnas

Our Parnas would be delighted to meet with you.
Please schedule a visit at parnas@shearithisrael.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Chai Tea with Janet Kirchheimer
Tuesday, February 24 | 5:30 pm | Elias Room
"Chai Tea" is our version of high tea with a Jewish twist. Join Janet R. Kirchheimer to discuss and enjoy the works of Carl Dennis, Emma Lazarus, C.P. Cavafy, Nancy Dugan and more. Come mingle, learn, and discuss over tea and light refreshments. All are welcome! Recommended donation: \$10 CSI members; \$12 non-members. Please RSVP to ashultz@shearithisrael.org

An Evening at Museo Ebraico, the Jewish Museum of Rome
Wednesday, February 25 | Doors Open at 7:30 pm
Dr. Giacomo Moscati, Vice President of the Jewish museum of Rome and Joyce Sarner, documentarian and program curator, will offer a stunning visual tour of the museum and its magnificent silver and textile collections. The program will delve into stories of the families that made up a small but highly multi-cultural Jewish society that was forced to reinvent itself in segregation. The presentation will cover the history of the Roman ghetto, the construction of the Great Temple, and the story of how the treasures were saved from Nazi looting. Free and open to the public.

Pre-Purim Baking Class
Sponsored by the Shearith Israel League
Thursday, February 26 | 7:00 pm
Come join baker Rivka Mallet to learn how to put a new spin on the traditional "Oznei Haman." We will learn (and taste) the secrets of making scrumptious Fazuelos, a Sephardic style of Hamantashen. Children and adults are welcome. Cost: \$10 per person, children under 13 are free. For questions, contact Rivka Shoulson at rlsvet@gmail.com. To register, go to shearithisrael.org/purimbaking.

Women's Megillah Reading
Celebrate 25 years of women reading the Megillah on Purim morning at Shearith Israel. Contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com to participate.

Sisterhood Purim Greeting Card Project
This year, the Sisterhood is offering the opportunity to send Mishloah Manot notifications to members of our congregation and support both the Sisterhood's important works and the Synagogue's Mishloah Manot project for seniors and the homebound at the same time (a portion of your contribution will be directed to the Congregational project which distributes Mishloah Manot to the elderly and homebound.) Fill out and return the form on the racks outside Levy Auditorium by mail with a check, or go online at shearithisrael.org/sisterhoodmanot fill out the form and pay by credit card. For more information, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com or Mrs. Carla Schein at scheinc6@gmail.com.

Megillah Reading and Purim Community Dinner
Wednesday, March 4 | 6:30 pm
Join us for Megillah reading in our beautiful Main Sanctuary while children ages 3-10 are treated to a special Purim puppet show with Wondersparks – "Esther Saves the Day: A Purim Shpiel." After Megillah, all are welcome to join us for a festive community dinner. While Rabbi Soloveichik captivates us with a Purim talk, our younger members will be entertained by Balloon Twisters, a Magician, and a costume parade. Babysitting will be provided. To register, go to shearithisrael.org/purimdinner. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Mishloah Manot Deliveries
Help fulfill a beautiful mitzvah and bring joy into someone's life. Help us deliver Mishloah Manot packages to the elderly and homebound after Megillah reading on Purim night, March 4 and Purim day, March 5. Volunteer by emailing Alana Shultz at ashultz@shearithisrael.org. Alana will then send you a link so that you can sign up to deliver to addresses that are convenient to you. See Alana to pick up the packages.

Learners' Service
Saturday, March 7 | 9:45 am | Little Synagogue
'Eat, Pray, Learn' in an inviting atmosphere geared toward those new to full Shabbat services. Learn the prayers, meet friends and gain insight and inspiration with Rabbi Shalom Morris. We join afterwards for a social Kiddush luncheon in the Elias Room accompanied by explanations of the customs, rituals, songs and prayers of Shabbat meals.

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

View all our spring classes at shearithisrael.org/education

Sunday
◇ **Psalms and Spirituality** | Rabbi Hidary | 8:40 am
◇ **Saadia Gaon's Emunot ve'Deot on Revelation and Commandments** | Sjimon den Hollander | 9:30 am

Monday
◇ **Maimonides' Guide for the Perplexed on Prophecy** | Rabbi Hidary | 7:00 pm
◇ **YL Monday Night Learning *** | 7:00 pm
◇ **Hebruta Program*** | 7:15 pm
◇ **Living Jewish** | Rabbi Morris | 7:30 pm RESUMES 3/2
◇ **Bet Midrash** | 8:00 pm
Spring semester sponsored by Josh Eisen and Bruce Roberts and Joy Saleh Roberts
◇ **Rambam Rules for Young Professionals** | Rabbi Morris | 8:30 pm RESUMES 3/3
**In partnership with JICNY*

Tuesday
◇ **Shulhan Arukh** | Rabbi Hidary | 7:45 am
◇ **Jewish Time: The Festivals in Halakha and Jewish Thought- A Class for Women** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 9:00 am
◇ **History of the Sephardim, the Spanish & Portuguese Jews** | Rabbi Morris | 6:45 - 7:30 pm
◇ **Talmud Class: Tractate Berakhot and the Philosophy of Jewish Prayer** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 8:00 pm

Wednesday
◇ **Parashat Hashabua** | Esther Hidary | 10:00 am

Learn to Read Hebrew
Level 1: Sundays 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Level 2/3: Thursdays 6:45 - 7:45 pm
To sign up: shearithisrael.org/hebrewclasses

Tai Chi with Lewis Paleias | Thursdays at 11:00 am