

Weekday Toddler Summer 'Camp'
June 23rd - August 20th
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am
For children aged 16-33 months.
Includes outdoor play and a wading pool. Adult caregiver presence is required. For questions and to enroll, email ashultz@shearithisrael.org

Nishmat Dinner Honorees
We are so proud of Rabbi Meir and Layaliza Soloveichik, honorees at Nishmat's 25th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, May 17. It's not too late to show your support for Nishmat and to celebrate the Soloveichiks' dedication to Jewish women's education. Go to af-nishmat.org/dinner.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
To Yehouda and Itai of **Sova Caterers** (sovacatering.com) for their extraordinary feat of culinary acrobatics at our Halakhic dinner. Who knew that intestines, brains, livers, sweet breads, foie gras, quail eggs, tongues, goat tagine, bison, squab, and ox-tail etc. could be prepared with such artistry and skill?! Thanks to you, our unique event was an enormous success.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mazal Tob to Geula Levi Freeman upon the engagement of her son Jonathan Freeman to Jenica Miller. Jonathan is the grandson of the late Dr. Bezalel Levi.
Mazal Tob to Avigail Friedman on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to her parents Gadi Friedman and Sarah Lechrich.
Mazal Tob to Segan, Michael Lustig who will receive the Seixas Award by Columbia-Barnard Hillel this Thursday.
Mazal Tob to Ari and Jodie Sherizen on the birth of a baby boy.
We Mourn the Loss of our Member: Gladys Benbasat. We extend condolences to her family.

Our next public tour is:
Tuesday, May 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.

Duty First
Hazzan Rabbi Ira Rohde
The various rules regarding the Kohanim, the officiating priestly tribe; may be hard to appreciate, but one salient point comes through clearly: no disturbances of any kind may be allowed to keep the priests from performing their duties with a military-like regularity, discipline and precision. Nor is this type of discipline achieved in a vacuum: It is facilitated by an entire lifestyle whereby such an exclusive devotion and fealty to duty at all costs is cultivated. The stark choices that have to be made to facilitate this type of lifestyle may at times be considered cruel, bordering upon the ascetic, but the lifestyle itself is, of course, part of the discipline.
In a few weeks I will be marking 25 years of attending and officiating at daily services twice a day, every single day, at Shearith Israel. True, I'm occasionally off by a couple of minutes, and I have my complaints about this life, but overall I'm grateful for having been given this chance to devote myself to such a disciplined way of life. I never imagined I'd be able to keep this up for all this time. But the very discipline itself is tremendously strengthening. That's what devotion to "duty first" gives us: great tenacity and strength. An acquaintance of mine, "Born to Run" author Chris McDougall, has a new book and a new program he's been pushing. He's been sponsoring a program which gets the homeless up to run every morning at 5:30 am. He says we all have the capacity to be "everyday heroes," if we cultivate ourselves with such discipline. And mostly it involves just getting up early, day after day, keeping at it, not allowing the less-important to sidetrack us or make us lose focus. And that involves cultivating a disciplined routine, such as we have at our daily minyanim, our equivalent of the daily sacrifices of old. Such a disciplined way of living, putting duty first, gives strength, longevity, and vibrancy to life, gradually molding even the ordinary man into a hero.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

May 8-9, 2015
Shabbat Emor

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 513 – 508; Haftarah p. 528
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 610; Haftarah p. 1172

CANDLE LIGHTING | 7:41 pm
MINHAH | 6:45 pm

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am
WOMENS' SERVICE | 9:15 AM | Little Synagogue | Bat Mitzvah of Avigail Friedman
Following services, and following brief remarks by the bat mitzvah, Rabbi Soloveichik will speak on the topic "Got Milk? A Shabuot Saga"
TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium
YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Children's Library
JR. CONGREGATION Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Levy Auditorium
KIDDUSH LUNCHEON | Elias Room and Portico | *Sponsored by Gadi Friedman & Sarah Lechrich in honor of Avigail's Bat Mitzvah*

PARASHAT HASHABUAH: THE PARTS THEY SKIP IN HIGH SCHOOL | Rabbi Hidary | 6:35 pm | For high school students | Held at the Hidarys' home, 1 W 85th St Apartment 6A

SEUDAH SHELISHIT & SPECIAL PIRKEI ABOT SHIUR
Rabbi Soloveichik speaks on the topic "Heretics and History: The Story of Elisha Ben Abuyah" | 6:35 pm
Spring Semester Sponsored by Lewis Lipsey

MINHAH/ARBIT | 7:35 pm
KETER SHEM TOB | Rabbi Hidary | Main Sanctuary
HABDALAH | 8:41 pm

This Shabbat commemorates the consecration of our fifth (and current) synagogue building on 70th Street and Central Park West, which was consecrated on Lag l'Omer, 1897. The poem Todot El (p. 342) is sung before Nishmat, and a memorial prayer is recited for our parnas, L. Napoleon Levy, who oversaw the construction and completion of this Synagogue.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Jews for George: An Exploration of Judaism in the Age of the American Revolution

Co-sponsored by YU's Center for the Jewish Future and YU's Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesdays May 13, and May 20

This four-part course, led by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, will utilize original source documents from the archives of the Congregation to explore Judaism during the American Revolution.

Register at yu.edu/jhistory.

Shearith Israel Book Club

RESCHEDULED - New date to be announced

Location in a private home | Esther Hidary

Join us for the last meeting of the year. Now there is no excuse not to start reading "The UnAmericans" by Molly Antopol.

RSVP to ehidary@gmail.com.

The Ancient Graffiti on the Kotel: An Archeological Mystery Yom Yerushalayim | Sunday Morning, May 17 | 8:00 am

Following 8:00 am morning services, Rabbi Soloveichik delivers a special shiur on the topic "The Ancient Graffiti on the Kotel: An Archeological Mystery" followed by a festive breakfast. Afterwards, we head down to Chatham Square cemetery in Chinatown for our historic Revolutionary War memorial service. See below. To sign up, go to shearithisrael.org/yom-yerushalayim-lecture by May 14.

Annual Pre-Memorial Day Service: Honoring Veterans of the Revolution and Members of the Armed Forces

Sunday Morning, May 17 | Chatham Square Cemetery | 11:00 am

Following our Yom Yerushalayim festivities, at around 10:00 am we head down to the Chatham Square Cemetery to honor veterans of the US Armed Forces including members of our congregation who participated in the Revolutionary War. This special service is open to all members of the community (veterans are encouraged to attend in their dress uniforms.) Join us as we place American flags at the graves of 22 veterans of the Revolution. The cemetery, active from 1682-1828, is located at 44 St. James Place, opposite Chatham Square. Transportation from and back to Shearith Israel will be offered on a limited basis. To sign up, go to shearithisrael.org/chatham-square-service by May 14.

Yom Yerushalayim Screening of the film "Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front"

Sunday, May 17 | 7:00 pm | following evening services

Sponsored by the Tsesarsky family

See this documentary which follows the stories of five 18 year-old Israelis as they are drafted into the IDF. Producer David Coleman and soldier, Lt. Aviv Regev will join us for Q&A. Light Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to all.

Jews and Booze: A Halakhic Tale of Godfathers and God-fearers in the Age of Prohibition
Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

First Night of Shabuot, Saturday Night, May 23 | 11:30 pm

We'll offer you a lecture and cheesecake that you can't refuse.

Girls' Megillat Ruth Reading

First day of Shabuot | Sunday, May 24

The girls of our synagogue recite Megillat Ruth for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services. If your daughter would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at

lrohde-csi@yahoo.com.

Please consider sponsoring or contributing to a kiddush to follow the reading in honor of our girls.

8th Annual Jewish Community Pre-Memorial Day Event

Wednesday, May 20 | The Jewish Center (131 W. 86th St.)

Doors open at 6:30 pm (family dinner at 6:00 pm)

Join over 50 Marines for an evening honoring the lives of service members who were killed in defense of our country and paying tribute to the dedication of our active and retired service members the US Armed Forces. Refreshments and care package activity following the ceremony. To register for the lecture and/or dinner go to jewishcenter.org

Celebrate Our 2015 Graduates

Saturday, June 20

Kiddush following Morning Services

Let's spread the good news and celebrate the success and accomplishments of all our graduates from pre-school to PhDs! Go online to ensure your graduate is listed on our scroll of honor (for free!) and even if you cannot attend, consider co-sponsoring our graduation kiddush for just \$180. For listings and sponsorships, visit shearithisrael.org/graduation.

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

View all our spring classes at shearithisrael.org/education

Sunday

- ◇ **Sephardic Responsa on Contemporary Issues** | 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 |
- ◇ **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

**In partnership with JICNY*

Tuesday

- ◇ **Shulhan Arukh** | Rabbi Hidary | 7:45 am NO CLASS THIS WEEK
- ◇ **Jewish Time: The Festivals in Halakha and Jewish Thought- A Class for Women** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 9:00 am NO CLASS THIS WEEK
- ◇ **History of the Sephardim, the Spanish & Portuguese Jews** | Rabbi Morris | 7:00pm - 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

Hebrew classes

Level 1: Sundays 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Level 2: Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Level 3: Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

To sign up: shearithisrael.org/hebrewclasses