

SPECIAL CSI YOUTH OPPORTUNITY THIS SUNDAY

Objects Tell Stories

An Interactive Tour at the Jewish Museum
THIS Sunday, February 2 | Grades K-8
Meetup at the Jewish Museum at 10:45 am, 1109 5th Ave
Admission is FREE for PTTS Students, \$10 for non-PTTS children
Join with PTTS and CSI Youth at the Jewish Museum. Students will examine works of art and cultural artifacts in the Jewish Museum's collection as primary sources to learn more about their historical and artistic contexts and the stories they reveal. Online registration is closed, but if you still want to attend, contact Yona Glass at yglass@shearithisrael.org.

The Idea of Kingship
taught by Rabbi David Silber
Begins THIS Sunday, February 2
Sundays at 10 am | *Admission is \$250, but FREE for Shearith Israel members*
A study of biblical attitudes towards kingship and political power through a study of Megillat Ruth and selections from the Books of *Judges* and *Samuel*.
For registration details, visit shearithisrael.org/idea-kingship.

CHOIR SELECTIONS

Friday Evening:
Veshameru #1 (p.166) | Samuel Naumbourg
Psalms 23 (p.174) | Leon Kramer

Shabbat Morning:
Misheberakh (p. 208) | Salomone Rossi
Ubnuho Yomar (p. 218) | Leon Hyman
Adon Olam #4 (p. 232) | Traditional

Sisterhood Tambourine Workshop
Sunday, March 1 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm
REGISTRATION EXTENDED: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Women and teenage girls are invited to a multi-faceted and inspirational tambourine workshop. Miriam Liebermann, MSW, author, community activist, and inspirational speaker, will conduct the workshop and then lead a song and dance.
Artistic talent is not necessary! Stencils will be provided.
Charge for Admission: \$25 for adults, \$20 for teens
Register at shearithisrael.org/tambourine.

DEBAR TORAH
—HAZZAN RABBI IRA ROHDE—

There are a lot of topics which get intertwined in the text of the parasha, and the intertwining seems deliberate. Particular phrases and words are used allusively which connect between the storyline of leaving Egypt and the laws of how Passover should be observed thereafter, and intertwining different laws and obligations together. According to the storyline itself, the Children of Israel are being told at the very time of the Exodus, even before it happened, the laws for all of their future.

One salient example of this merging of story-line and later concepts is the usage in Ex. 12:42: "It is a night-watch for the Lord, to take them out of Egypt, [so] this night is for the Lord a watch [to keep] for all their generations." The section is difficult to translate adequately: The word שמורים, meaning *watching, guarding, keeping, and observing* is being used in several different senses here, and yet a connection is being drawn between them — God's keeping watch over Israel on the night of the Exodus obligates all future generations to keep that night as an observance thereafter. The storyline of God's liberation of the Israelites from slavery is being told from the very outset, indeed, from even before it happens, with an eye to the obligations which it imposes in return.

And what are those obligations? Well, obviously, each home must observe the night of Pesah itself by sacrificing a pre-designated lamb in a special night-vigil sacrifice ceremony, similar to the night-vigil sacrifice of the Exodus. Other laws are less obvious, but we are told that the Exodus obligates us in them. Since for most plagues special guardianship was exerted over Israelites only, there are laws differentiating who must and who must not participate in the commemoration. The obligation to sacrifice first-born animals derives from the saving of Israelite first-born from the First-born plague.

The commandment to eat matzot, the banning of leaven for the duration of the festival, and the commandment to eat the sacrifice roasted and whole as opposed to cut and boiled, are a bit more difficult to interconnect, however. I would argue that the text wants us not only to account for them separately, but wants us to interconnect them. The common thread would be their connection to nomadic life, the Israelites' life of freedom in the wilderness after leaving the settled life of Egypt. One typical expression of the sedentary life occurs later in Ex. 16:3 "*in the land of Egypt when we sat by the fleshpot, when we are our full of bread.*" Nomads have neither time nor implements to cut and cook meat in pots, just like they do not have the time or the luxury to have elaborate baking procedures. All are linked as story and observance and reenactment of our liberation from the slavery of sedentary life in Egypt into pastoral freedom and gratitude for it all gets intertwined.

Shabbat Bo
January 31-February 1, 2020

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 248; Haftarah p. 263
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 300; Haftarah p. 1102

CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:54 pm
EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 5:00 pm | Main Sanctuary
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "What 'A Man For All Seasons' Teaches Us About Shabbat" | *2019-2020 season sponsored by the Julis family.*

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHARIT | 9:15 am
TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room
YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Elias Room
JR. CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
LECTURE | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "Spielberg and the Voice of God: Prince of Egypt, Midrash, and Modernity"
KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | *Scotch contributed by Suzanne Morad, in memory of her father, Said Benjamin Morad.*

SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS | 3:50 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "The Most Misunderstood Korban: Pesah Revisited" | Levy Auditorium
EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 4:50 pm
HABDALA | 5:42 pm

Weekday Service Times
Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM | Monday-Friday: 7:15 AM
Evenings: Sunday (Minha & Arbit): **5:00 PM**
Monday-Thursday (Arbit only): 6:30 PM

Public Tours Our next public tour is Wednesday, February 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 .
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

A Community Dinner featuring

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik *in Conversation with*
Professor Yaacob Dweck**

Friday night, February 7 | Following Evening Services

Join Rabbi Soloveichik and Princeton professor, Yaacob Dweck, as they discuss Professor Dweck's new book:

Dissident Rabbi: The Life of Jacob Sasportas

The book, recently released by Princeton Press, tells the story of Jacob Sasportas, the Sephardic rabbi who spent the final years of his life as the spiritual leader of the Amsterdam Jewish community. He, alone, challenged Sabbetai Zevi's improbable messianic claims and warned his fellow Jews that their Messiah was not the answer to their prayers.

To register, visit shearithisrael.org/sasportas-dinner.

Stitch & Fix

Bi-Monthly on Sundays & Tuesdays | 10am-12pm

Sunday, Feb. 9 | Tuesday, Feb. 11

Sunday, Feb. 23 | Tuesday, Feb. 25

Visit shearithisrael.org/stitch-fix for additional dates.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal tob to **Jennifer Katz** upon her marriage to **David Simins**.
Congratulations as well to her parents, **Vicki & Sam Katz**.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome **Bonnie Barest** to our team in the role of Deputy Executive Director. This part-time position was created to enable our current Executive Director, Barbara Reiss, to reduce her schedule and remain focused on those responsibilities that she is best suited to.

Bonnie comes to Shearith Israel with many years of management experience in the advertising industry coupled with as many years in lay leadership roles at UJA Federation. She is an Upper Westsider with deep involvement in, and passion for, synagogue life. To get a glimpse of Bonnie, visit shearithisrael.org/professional-team.

Together, Bonnie and Barbara will handle the management responsibilities of running our synagogue and overseeing our staff. Along with Barbara, Bonnie will interface with our community and play an integral part in serving your needs. Thankfully, this new arrangement will not incur any additional costs to the congregation, and our hope is that over time the total value of “B&B” will be greater than the sum of the parts.

Please take the opportunity to welcome Bonnie to the Shearith Israel family at your soonest opportunity.

Special Lincoln's Birthday Lecture

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Monday, February 10 | Following 6:30 pm Evening Services

*The Rabbi Who Loved Lincoln (and Was Tormented By
His Congregants):*

The Incredible Civil War Story of Sabato Morais

Give Mishloah Manot to a Member!

Presented by the Sisterhood

Ordering Deadline: February 17 at 11 PM

Want to send Mishloah Manot to your fellow congregants for Purim this year? Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to send mishloah manot to our Shearith Israel community. This project will support the Sisterhood's many projects. To select recipients, visit shearithisrael.org/sisterhoodmanot.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde (lrohde.csi@gmail.com), Mrs. Carla Schein (scheinc6@gmail.com), or Dr. Rivka Shoulson (rlsvet@gmail.com).

Parent-Child Learning & Pizza

Saturday Nights bi-weekly | One hour after Habdala

Next session is NEXT Saturday night, February 8, led by Isabelle Levy

For Elementary School Age Children & Their Parents or Grandparents

This educational initiative gives parents (or grandparents) the opportunity to study Torah with their children in a fun interactive setting led by Shearith Israel's clergy and talented volunteers.

The program is free, but please register for each session at shearithisrael.org/pclearning so we can know how many to expect!
Parent-Child Learning is sponsored by the Shearith Israel League.

A Shabbat Dinner with Hazzan Jonathan Garcia

Friday Night, February 21 | Following 5:30 pm evening services

Enjoy an intimate Shabbat dinner, featuring guest Hazzan, **Jonathan Garcia**, who will be joining us from London, along with his new bride, **Micol Bedarida Garcia**. Our newlywed guests both have deep roots and lineage in S&P *Hazzanut* traditions, going back generations. Together with our clergy, Hazzan Garcia, who regularly leads services at Lauderdale Road Synagogue and occasionally at Bevis Marks, will create a beautiful, music-filled atmosphere for this relaxed dinner, including melodies from the London S&P tradition.

Hazzan Garcia will lead Musaf on Shabbat morning and give a short seminar following services on the history of the London musical tradition.

To register or sponsor the dinner, visit shearithisrael.org/garcia-dinner.

Seeking Women's Megillah Readers

Megillah Reading on Purim Morning, Tuesday, March 10 | 8:00 am
Rehearsals on Sunday, February 23 at 6 pm & Sunday, March 8 at 7 pm
(following evening services)

On the morning of Purim, the women and girls of the synagogue conduct a parallel Women's Megillah reading in the Little Synagogue. Join us for our 31st year! Anyone who wants to participate (must have passed their 12th Hebrew birthday, whether or not a "Bat Mitzvah

Ceremony" has been held) should contact **Mrs. Lisa Rohde** at lrohde.csi@gmail.com as soon as possible for an assignment (as short as 3 verses). Audio is available on the Synagogue's website.

RABBI SOLOVEHICK'S UPCOMING MAJOR LECTURES

Mark Your Calendars and Watch Your Emails

Following Evening Services

- ♦ **Monday, February 10:** *“The Rabbi Who Loved Lincoln (and Was Tormented By His Congregants): The Incredible Civil War Story of Sabato Morais”*
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 3:** Major Pre-Purim Shiur

MORE JEWISH EDUCATION 5780

- ⇒ **Friday Night Lights | Rabbi Soloveichik**
Friday Nights | Following Evening Services
- ⇒ **Shabbat Afternoon Class | Rabbi Soloveichik**
Shabbat Afternoons | One hour before Minha (*but never earlier than 3:30 pm*)
- ⇒ **The Guide to the Duties of the Heart | Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander**
Sunday Mornings | 8:45 am | *Resumes February 16*
- ⇒ **The Idea of Kingship | Rabbi David Silber**
Sunday Mornings | 10:00 am | *Begins February 2* | \$250 cost, but **FREE** for Shearith Israel members | Registration details at shearithisrael.org/idea-kingship
- ⇒ **Tuesday Morning Women's Class | Rabbi Soloveichik**
Tuesdays | 9:00 am | *Sign up for weekly reminders at shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists*
- ⇒ **Bet Midrash | led by Steven Gotlib**
Monday-Thursday | One hour before evening services