

Friday Night Lights Is Back!
Every Friday Night | Following Evening Services
The 2016-2017 season is sponsored by the Julis Family.
As Shabbat begins earlier and the nights grow longer, stay around for a bit after Friday evening services for an inspiring shiur delivered by Rabbi Soloveichik. There's no better way to transition from the work week to Shabbat. Sponsor a single lecture at \$500 at shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass.

Yoetzet Halakha
If you have any questions regarding Taharat Hamishpaha (Jewish Family Law) laws of Niddah, sexuality and women's health, please contact our Yoetzet Halakha, Ilana Gadish in confidence at (646) 598-1080 or nycyoetzet@gmail.com.

Calling All Local Men: Help ensure our daily minyanim Receive Text Message Reminders on an As-Needed Basis
Men above bar-mitzvah age are encouraged to sign up for our minyan text message alerts, which will let you know when we are running short and are looking for additional men to help make the minyan. Please be assured, we will only text you on an occasional, as-needed basis. There is no commitment other than your willingness to accept these occasional texts. Your fellow congregants, especially those who come to say kaddish or have a nahala, will be most grateful. To enroll, email dlandau@shearithisrael.org and provide your name and cell phone number. If you wish to only be contacted for morning or evening services, let us know.

Don't let us go dry.
Be a scotch or arak sponsor. To sponsor or contribute go to shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships

Parnas Office Hours
Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit at parnas@shearithisrael.org.

Our next public tour is:
Wednesday, November 9 at 11:00 am

...The World Stands Upon: The Torah...
Rabbi Ira Rohde

The most salient feature of the Creation story at the beginning of the Torah is the imposition of a comprehensible order by the Divine Word, the crystallized expression of God's Will. The world is created with a natural order and bound by natural laws which set its limits and mold it into an orderly, goodly form. The imposition of order by Divine fiat results in creation. However, there is, by contrast, a measure of entropy, whatever its origin, built in: That order or law must be maintained, or Creation itself is threatened by degeneration and decomposition back into chaos and eventual nothingness. The natural realm follows Divine Law; the human realm must follow Divine Law, it is intimate, as well. Only there is a difference: Man is created in the image of God with speech and will. Man must hence, like God, keep order by an exercise of man's own will, which results in creation or the preservation of the created world. Man was placed in the Garden of Eden, his first home on earth, לעבדה ולשמרה to preserve and guard it; above all, to uphold its law and order. Man is not like the rest of Creation, which is subject by force to the laws of nature, to be preserved, if the laws are followed, or to degenerate, if the laws are not followed. Man is endowed, like God, with choice: If he chooses to follow the laws for him which are in harmony with the Divine Will, and hence with nature, man brings great creative and preservative potential to the world. But should he choose not to follow the Divine Laws and decide to act out of harmony with the natural order, man also brings great destructive potential to the world. I've often remarked upon one of the most famous reputed versions of Pythagoras' theories of the elements of the universe, which says that the basic building-blocks of the universe are purely or almost-purely mathematical: "monads," "dyads," and "triads," as if the entire universe could be built on nothing but combinations of numbers and geometric and mathematical rules alone. As our quantum physics continues to grow ever-more mathematical, I wonder if modern science is arriving at the same conclusion: That it is structure, order, mathematical or legal, which brings nature into existence and upholds the world. We've been training congregants and youngsters lately at Shearith Israel in performing the Honor of Levantar or הגבהה, the lifting of the Torah, which I have remarked is our Jewish "Atlas pose," for he who upholds and supports the Torah is truly he who upholds the world.

For us individually, that means that our first order of business for the New Year is that we should strive to create structure in our lives. The life of order, structure, discipline, and balance is what we require and what the Torah requires, and it is this which will ultimately keep us in harmony with nature. Unlike the rest of nature, however, we must actively exert our will to bring about such orderliness and structure, as God bids us to do, to guard, preserve, and strengthen our own existence and the existence of our world, and to avoid the entropic drift into chaos. All of the Torah, we are told, is meant as a kind of "blueprint" for life in the world, a means of structuring life. The first Parashah in the New Year has come to remind us that it is the way in which we structure, order, follow and keep the rules for our lives which will ultimately enable us to be the most creative. It is upon the Torah, upon God's Law and Order, that Creation ultimately stands.

Shabbat Bereshith
October 28-29, 2016

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 2; Haftarah p. 21 and p. 883 v. 10 and p. 884 v. 5
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 26; : Haftarah p. 1050 and p. 1242 v. 10 and

- CANDLE LIGHTING** | 5:38 pm
MINHAH | 5:45 pm | Main Sanctuary
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Following evening services | Rabbi Soloveichik gives a talk on the topic "From 'Mission Impossible' to Shabbat to 'Law and Order': The Extraordinary Life of Steven "Shlomo" Hill" | *2016-2017 season sponsored by the Julis Family*
- ZEMIROT** | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Soloveichik delivers a lecture on the topic "Justice Brandeis and the Balfour Declaration: 100 Years Later"
TOT SHABBAT WITH LIZ AND SHANADE | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium
YOUTH GROUPS WITH RACHEL | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Elias Room
JR. CONGREGATION WITH TORAH READING | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium

SEUDAH SHELISHIT AND AFTERNOON SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik on the topic "The Lonely Man of Faith' vs. 'The Halakhic Man': An Introduction to Sefer Bereshit" | 4:30 pm | Levy Auditorium | *Fall semester sponsored by Lewis Lipsey*
MINHAH/ARBIT | 5:30 PM
HABDALAH | 6:25 pm

Weekday Service Times
Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM, Monday-Friday: 7:15 AM
Evenings (Minhah &Arbit): Monday - Thursday: 5:45 PM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Celebrate Our Hatanim at this Year's Gala

It's not too late to be listed in the addendum to the Tribute Folio.

Last chance deadline: Midnight, October 30.



This year we are thrilled to be honoring two pillars of the Shearith Israel community, both of whom have made aliyah and both of whom are celebrating milestone anniversaries as Shearith Israel *hatanim*. **Peter Neustadter**, a past parnas and visionary of our new Community House project, is celebrating his 25th anniversary since he was *Hatan Bereishit*, and **Arnie Goldfarb**, a retired CSI professional and beloved longstanding member, is celebrating 25 years since he was *Hatan Torah* and 50 years since he was *Hatan Bereishit*. To properly honor these two Shearith Israel heroes, we dedicate this year's gala to a celebration of these exceptional *hatanim*. In addition, the evening's program will feature a concert by the extraordinary Shearith Israel choir honoring **Maestro Leon Hyman** for 60 years of services as our choirmaster. To be listed in the addendum to the tribute folio go to shearithisrael.org/gala2016

The NYC Marathon is Coming... Right to our Front Door!

The New York City Marathon is on November 6th. Best of luck to all Shearith Israel members who will be racing! As in past years, Shearith Israel is teaming up with JRunners to make ourselves available to those runners praying with the International Minyan for NYC Marathoners. Minyan-goers may check their tefillin, sidurim and tallitot with the Minyan organizers for pickup our portico which is close to the finish line. For more information, contact Saul Rosenblum at saulrmc@gmail.com or Peter Berkowsky at peterberkowsky@gmail.com. If you know of any members who are running, let us know. Email slandau@shearithisrael.org their names so we can root for all of our Shearith Israel marathoners!

Women's Service

Parashat Lekh-Lekha, Saturday November 12

Little Synagogue | 9:00 am

We are looking for Torah readers and leaders for other parts. If interested, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lirohde-csi@yahoo.com.

A Very American Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday Night, November 18

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, come to Shearith Israel for a special Shabbat dinner program focusing on early American Jewish history. Also in attendance will be a select group of YU and Stern students who will be spending an American Jewish history shabbaton with us. Be a CSI goodwill ambassador and role model to these young adults while learning a thing or two from our own, Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. **Prices go up after November 10.** Register at shearithisrael.org/american-dinner.

Hard time remembering RSVP deadlines?

We can remind you by text. Enroll at: shearithisrael.org/text-message-notifications

Thanksgiving Pack-a-thon 2016

Thursday, November 24 | 10-11:30 am

Building on the success of last year's Pack-a-thon, this year, for this very important *hesed* project, we will be partnering with the **West End Collegiate Church** and also with the **Jewish Center** as part of our "Achdut in Action" Initiative. On Thanksgiving morning, after Rabbi Soloveichik's special Thanksgiving address, UJA will have us set up in Levy Auditorium to pack over one thousand meals to be distributed to hungry New Yorkers. We are delighted to report that we have already secured a matching grant from a generous donor who will give \$3 for every \$1 donated to this project (with a \$10,000 cap). We have a variety of roles for volunteers and volunteers are asked to donate a minimum of \$18 to help us reach our overall goal of \$18,000. All proceeds will go to the **Met Council on Poverty's** hunger relief program. Register at shearithisrael.org/pack-a-thon2016

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

For details go to: shearithisrael.org/judaic-education

Sunday

- ◇ **Saadiah Gaon's Book of Beliefs and Opinions** | Sjimon den Hollander | 8:45 am | BEGINS OCT. 30

Monday

- ◇ **Monday Night Learning: A Series of Series** | Series 1 "Early America and the Jews" | Rabbi Soloveichik | 7:00 pm | BEGINS NOV. 7

Tuesday

- ◇ **Katzap Class and Breakfast** | Following Morning Services BEGINS NOV. 8
- ◇ **Feasts and Fasts: The Festivals in Jewish Thought- A Class for Women** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 9:00 am | BEGINS NOV. 8
- ◇ **Talmud Class** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 7:00 pm (new time) | BEGINS NOV. 15

To sponsor a single class or an entire semester, go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass

OTHER INITIATIVES

Succah Greens Composting Due This Sunday, October 30

After Succot, rather than throwing out your lulabim, take advantage of this special eco-friendly opportunity and leave your lulabim with us! The NYC Dept of Sanitation (DSNY) will collect our Succot organics for composting. Leave your lulabim in the box near the water fountain outside Levy Auditorium and we'll do the rest.

The Esther Goldfarb Memorial Blood Drive
Sunday, November 13, 2016 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Give the Gift of Life and be a Blood Donor. To sign up, email RitaRodin165@aol.com.

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