

## Kippur 5777 Schedule

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

MORNING SELIHOT FOLLOWED BY SHAHRIT | 6:30 am  
MINHAH | 1:30 pm  
CANDLE LIGHTING | before 6:03 pm  
FAST BEGINS | before 6:21 pm  
KAL NIDRE, SERMON & ARBIT | 6:00 pm  
TOT SHABBAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS | Ages 0-4 | 6:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

MORNING SERVICES | 8:00 am  
TORAH SERVICE | 10:55 am  
MIDDAY SERMON & MUSAF | Rabbi Hidary | 12:10 pm  
EVENING SERMON & NE'ILAH | Rabbi Soloveichik | 5:20 pm  
TOT SHABBAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS | Ages 0-4 |  
9:30 am - 7:00 pm  
YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
JR. CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
SHOFAR AND ARBIT & HABDALAH | 6:51 pm



### Shearith Israel Annual Gala

Tuesday, November 1

6:15 pm (following 5:45 pm services)

Join us as we honor this year's hatanim Arnie Goldfarb and Peter Neustadter for their contributions in shaping Shearith Israel's past, present and future. The evening's program will feature a concert by the Shearith Israel choir honoring Maestro Leon Hyman for 60 years of service as our choirmaster.

Register at [shearithisrael.org/gala2016](http://shearithisrael.org/gala2016)

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Norman Benzaquen and Maimon Schwarzchild for sponsoring the Kiddushim over Rosh Hashana.

Welcome New Members Alan Lubarr and Jane Shiff to the Shearith Israel Family

### The More You Know

Rabbi Joseph Dweck, Senior Rabbi  
of the S&P Sephardi Community of the United Kingdom  
*"We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid."*  
—Benjamin Franklin

On the last day of Moshe's life, he gathered all of the people together to share his parting words. In his message he informed them of the Torah's final two commandments, both of which are linked to education. The first requires the people to gather at the Holy Temple every seven years in order to hear the Torah read to the public by the king. Men, women and children are required to attend this gathering. The second requires every man in the nation to write his own Sepher Torah (Torah scroll).

The final mitzvot of the Torah are about scholarship. The first, called *Hakhel*, is a national gathering for the purpose of learning. Even young children are meant to experience the coming together of the nation for the sake of knowledge. Each decade of a person's life would involve this gathering. It would set hearing the teachings of Torah and absorbing the information as a national value.

*So that they should hear and that they should learn... And their children who do not know will hear and learn... (31:12-13)*

The writing of the Sepher Torah requires that the full text of the Torah is to be with every individual; it is to be written, read and studied.

*And now, write for yourselves down this song, teach it to the Children of Israel, put it in their mouths... (31:19)*

It is scholarship that is the final note of G-d's Torah. The highlighted point is that it is not meant to be for a particular class or sect of scholars. It is for everyone. In Torah, education is not for the elite it is the foundation for every human life.

No matter the level of our natural intelligence, we all have the ability to choose to be knowledgeable or ignorant. Torah's commandments end with charges to create environments in which learning is the culture of the people and where voluntary ignorance is a cardinal transgression. There is much that can be said regarding the failure of teachers to teach, of schools to educate and of mentors to enlighten. But none of it excuses us from owning the responsibility to search for wisdom on our own. We live in an age where information is more readily available to us than at any point in human history — including Jewish education.

Three thousand years ago Moshe implored each of us to own a copy of the entire Torah and to hear it read by every member of our population. Today, with the stroke of a finger, worlds of information are freely and abundantly available to us. If we wish to be strong in our identities, we must study. If we wish to understand who we are and what the world is about, we must commit to learning.

On Yom Kippur we focus a great deal on what we lack in our behaviours and personalities. We consider that we could be kinder, gentler, more generous and sensitive with others. But the fact that we could all better understand the body of knowledge that has educated and inspired our people for millennia is not usually the most evident aspect of self-development. Broadening our understanding of Judaism may seem daunting, as there is a great deal to know. One approach that we can take is to commit to learning — even in small portions — on a consistent basis. Whether it be a weekly class or a daily reading of a section in Torah, learning prompts questioning, questioning prompts discovery and discovery brings enlightenment. Moshe's final message was not simply to learn, but to make learning a regular part of one's life.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Vayeilekh-Teshubah

October 7-8, 2016

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 887; Haftarah p. 891  
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 1018; : Haftarah p. 1246

CANDLE LIGHTING | 6:09 pm

MINHAH | 6:15 pm | Main Sanctuary

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Soloveichik, delivers his Shabbat Teshuba Derasha on the topic "God's Ketubah: What the Jewish Wedding Contract Teaches Us About Life, Love and the Day of Atonement" | Sponsored by Debbie and David Sable on the occasion of the first *nahala* of David's mother, Elissa Sable

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 | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON | Levy Auditorium | Thank you to our co-sponsors: Debbie & David Sable and Jane & Reuben Leibowitz and our contributors: Meralee & Sidney Schlusberg and Judith & Joel Schreiber

SEUDAH SHELISHIT AND AFTERNOON SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik on the topic, "The Kohen Gadol's Temple Time Share" | 5:00 pm | Levy Auditorium | Fall semester sponsored by Lewis Lipsey

MINHAH/ARBIT | 6:00 PM

HABDALAH | 6:58 pm

### Kippur Service Times

See schedule on back panel

### Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM, Monday-Friday: 7:15 AM

Evenings (Minhah & Arbit): Sunday- Monday: 6:15 PM Thursday: 6:00 PM

Our next public tour is:

Wednesday, November 9 at 11:00 am

There will be no tour in October in observance of Kippur.

## KIPPUR

### Important Kippur Services Reminders

- Print your ticket and bring it to services (NO digital tickets please)
- Please limit what you bring into the building. All belongings are subject to security inspections. Large packages will not be allowed in either sanctuary.

### Kippur Seating— For Guests

We welcome visitors to join us for our Kippur services. Seats are available in the main sanctuary and parallel services. All Parallel Service ticket holders may join the main service on Kippur, except for Kal Nidre and Neila. Visit [shearithisrael.org/seating\\_reservations\\_5777](http://shearithisrael.org/seating_reservations_5777) to purchase your tickets by this upcoming Monday at 3:00 pm.

### Fulfill the Mitzvah of Tzedaka: Make Your Holiday Offerings

We traditionally make memorial offerings during Kippur services and offerings of thanksgiving on Succot. These offerings are a beautiful way to memorialize or pay tribute to loved ones and help maintain our synagogue. Go to [shearithisrael.org/lulab](http://shearithisrael.org/lulab) to make offerings for Kippur and Succot.

## SUCCOT

### Reserve your Lulab Set

For your convenience, purchase your lulabim and etrogim through the synagogue at \$65 per set by Sunday, October 9. Go to [shearithisrael.org/lulab](http://shearithisrael.org/lulab). For questions, contact [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org).

### Sisterhood Succah Decorating

**Thursday, October 13, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Friday, October 14, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Sunday, October 16, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

It's that time of year again when we are preparing to decorate our beautiful Succah!! Please join us, Teens and adults, women and men, to help decorate for the Succot Festival.

To participate, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at [lrohde-csi@yahoo.com](mailto:lrohde-csi@yahoo.com) or Aimee Margolis at [art1show@verizon.net](mailto:art1show@verizon.net).

### Meals in the Succah

Shearith Israel members and their guests are welcome to enjoy self-catered meals in a Shearith Israel community succah. Registration and a cover charge of \$12 per seat (including children) are required for each meal. We supply beverages, table cloths and disposables and you bring the food (strictly kosher, of course). Space is highly limited. We will accommodate members and immediate family on a first-come-first-serve basis. Non-member guests will be accommodated closer to the date depending on availability. Due to our new building construction, we do not have a courtyard or sidewalk succah this year. If we are oversubscribed, we will create a wait list and hope to accommodate as many people as possible. Please email [mcaputo@shearithisrael.org](mailto:mcaputo@shearithisrael.org) to register.

### Succah Greens Composting Due 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 Auditorim and we'll do the rest.

### Hoshana Rabba Mishmarah-Tikkun and New Members Succah Gathering Saturday, October 22, 9:00 pm

Join us in this annual Shearith Israel tradition as we bid farewell to Succot and prepare for Simhat Torah with celebratory food and study in our stunning Elias Room succah. Featuring a shiur by Rabbi Soloveichik centering on the reading of the last and first verses of the Torah, this year, we will use this opportunity to welcome new members who have joined the synagogue in the past year. We encourage both new and veteran members alike to join.

### Parnas Office Hours

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

## SIMHAT TORAH

### Simhat Torah Dinner and Ice Cream Party Monday, October 24 | Following Hakafof For registered guests

Following Simhat Torah hakafof in the sanctuary and Elias Room, we will host a dairy dinner for pre-registered guests. Register at [shearithisrael.org/dinner-and-ice-cream](http://shearithisrael.org/dinner-and-ice-cream) (If you are a member, you will need to log into shulcloud to pay the members' price).

Our annual ice cream party for youth (and youthful) will follow. As usual, volunteer teen scoopers are needed. Contact [slandau@shearithisrael.org](mailto:slandau@shearithisrael.org) to help out- strong arms required, lactose tolerance preferred.

*Sponsored again by the Haberman and Lustig families.*

## OTHER PROGRAMS

### Friday Night Lights Returns! Parashat Bereishit | Shabbat, Friday October 28 Following Evening Services

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.

### Women's Service Parashat Lekh-Lekha, Saturday November 12 Little Synagogue

We are looking for Torah readers for our Women's Service for November 12th, Parashat Lekh Lekha. Now is the time to sign up so you have enough time to learn your part. If interested, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at [lrohde-csi@yahoo.com](mailto:lrohde-csi@yahoo.com).

### Save the Date: Pre-Thanksgiving 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. Details to follow.