

## A Shearith Israel and Jewish Center

### Ski and Snowboard Trip

#### An Intergenerational "Achdut in Action" Program

Sunday, December 25, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Celebrate the first day of Hanukkah on the slopes of Hunter Mountain. Shearith Israel and the Jewish Center are joining forces for a fun day of skiing and snowboarding. This intergenerational activity is geared towards teens, singles, couples, and families (children age 7 and up), first-timers and black diamond skiers and snowboarders. This trip is all-inclusive (lift tickets, optional rentals, transportation), but it is BYOL (bring your own lunch). Register at [shearithisrael.org/ski](http://shearithisrael.org/ski).

## Young Couples and Families "Shang-Chai"

### Shabbat Luncheon

#### Saturday, December 24 | Following Morning Services

In honor of the Jewish tradition to eat Chinese food on the Eve of December 25th, young couples and families are invited to join the Soloveichik family for a fun and uplifting Chinese themed Shabbat luncheon.

Go to [shearithisrael.org/shang-chai](http://shearithisrael.org/shang-chai) to register.

## Shearith Israel Cufflinks

Did you see the fabulous sterling silver cufflinks we presented to our gala honorees? You too can look like a CSI hero for only \$180 a pair. Treat yourself, a friend or loved one with a Hanukkah gift. Order by December 8 at [shearithisrael.org/cufflinks](http://shearithisrael.org/cufflinks)



## Parnas Office Hours

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

Our next public tour is:

Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 am

## THANKSGIVING DAY ACTIVITIES

Morning services | Large Synagogue | 7:45 am

Rabbi Soloveichik's Thanksgiving Address | Large Synagogue  
Children's Hesed Craft Activity | 8:30 am

Refreshments | Elias Room | 9:00-11:00 am  
Parade Viewing for Youth | Portico

Hunger Alleviation Pack-a-thon (registration required)  
10:00– 11:30 am | Levy Auditorium

### A few important reminders:

There are barriers and police presence on our block during the parade. Please arrive early (in time for services) in order to ensure access to our facility. If arriving by subway, check for transit alerts. The B/C train subway exit at our corner may be closed. The 1/2/3 train at 72nd street and Broadway may be a better bet.

Our Portico offers a perfect perch for viewing the parade. It is, however, far too small to comfortably accommodate everyone who would like to be there. We therefore respectfully ask you to understand that the portico is designated for the children of our members, PTTS students, and Toddler. Adults must be accompanied by a young child.

In order to give as many children as possible an opportunity to get a good view, our staff will be asking people to rotate on and off the Portico. Please cooperate with them.

Please also note, our office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. For funeral arrangements, contact Zachary Edinger at 917-584-3787.

Finally, we may be able to accept walk-ins at our pack-a-thon. If interested, please register outside of Levy auditorium at 10 AM. You will be able to make your donation (\$18 suggested minimum) by cash, check, or credit card.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

## Shabbat Vayera

November 18-19, 2016

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 63; Haftarah p. 76  
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 78; : Haftarah p. 1060

CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:17 pm

MINHAH | 4:15 pm | Main Sanctuary

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Following evening services | Rabbi Soloveichik gives a talk on the topic "Dylan, Agnon, and Shabbat: Thoughts on the Nobel Prize and the Noble Prize" |  
*2016-2017 season sponsored by the Julis Family*

A VERY AMERICAN COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER | Following Friday Night Lights | For registered guests

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Soloveichik delivers a shiur on the topic "The First Jewish Baby Naming: A Short Vayera Shiur about a Beloved Misunderstood Ritual"

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 | Levy Auditorium

SEUDAH SHELISHIT AND PIRKEI ABOT AFTERNOON SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik on the topic "The Earliest Akeida in Art: The Mysterious Mosaics of the Beit Alpha Synagogue" | 3:30 pm | Levy Auditorium | *Fall semester sponsored by Lewis Lipsey*

MINHAH/ARBIT | 4:10 PM

HABDALAH | 5:02 pm

### Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM, Monday-Wednesday: 7:15 AM,  
Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) 7:45 AM, Friday: 7:15 AM  
Evenings (Arbit Only): Monday - Thursday: 6:30PM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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. Volunteers are asked to donate a minimum of \$18 to help us reach our overall goal of \$18,000. We have over 90 volunteers but could use a few more floor captains and check-in greeters. Please email [slandau@shearithisrael.org](mailto:slandau@shearithisrael.org) if you are interested. We have raised over \$14,000 so far towards our \$18,000 goal! All proceeds will go to the **Met Council on Poverty's** hunger relief program. Register at [shearithisrael.org/pack-a-thon2016](http://shearithisrael.org/pack-a-thon2016).

**Pack-a-thon 2016**

\$18,000  
\$16,200  
\$14,400  
\$12,600  
\$10,800  
\$9,000  
\$7,200  
\$5,400  
\$3,600  
\$1,800  
\$0

**\$14,271**

**Be a Thanksgiving Day Sponsor**  
Sponsor Rabbi Soloveichik's shiur and help defray the costs of our Thanksgiving morning refreshments.  
Go to [shearithisrael.org/thanksgiving](http://shearithisrael.org/thanksgiving) to sponsor.

**Sign up for the Spring Semester of Caregiver and Mc Toddler Program**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am**  
**For ages 16 - 34 months | Begins January 4, 2017**  
Led by our veteran early childhood specialist, Liz Rios, toddlers learn colors and shapes, create arts and crafts, sing songs, explore Jewish holidays, music and enjoy special visits by Rabbi Ira Rohde. Spaces are limited. 1 or 2 day options. Preferred pricing for members. Register now at [shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram](http://shearithisrael.org/toddlerprogram).

**Revealing the Enduring Ethics of Aggadah:  
Levinas' Talmudic Readings**  
**2-Part Winter Wednesdays Learning Series**  
**Rabbi Richard Hidary**  
**Wednesdays, December 7 and December 14 | 7:00 pm**  
Emmanuel Levinas was a French philosopher of ethics and existentialism. In addition to his major contribution to general philosophy, Levinas was also a Jewish community leader and teacher. For many years, he delivered an annual lecture at the Colloquia of Jewish Intellectuals analyzing a Talmudic passage philosophically. These readings remain some of the most innovative, interesting, and inspiring Talmudic interpretations that succeed in unpacking some of the depths of Talmudic thought and its relevance to modern society. In these two lectures, we will attempt to re-enact those lectures, follow Levinas' steps through a textual analysis, and assess how well they stand the tests of time, scholarship, and enduring value. Free and open to the public.

**Exclusive Tour of "The First Jewish Americans:  
Freedom and Culture In The New World" Exhibit**  
**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik and Museum Curator, Debra Bach**  
**The New-York Historical Society**  
**170 Central Park West (At 77th street)**  
**Sunday, December 18 | 10:00 am**  
**(one hour before the museum opens to the public)**  
Building upon the overwhelming enthusiasm of our recent exclusive tour at the Morgan Library and Museum, our congregants have more reason than ever to take interest in this extraordinary exhibit. This exhibit is directly connected to the history of our community and congregation and showcases several important objects from our collection as well as extensive loans from the private collection of our member, Leonard Milberg. And who better to guide us through this exhibit, vividly bringing the history to life, but our own resident historian, Rabbi Soloveichik along with Dr. Debra Schmidt Bach, the curator of the exhibit. As spaces are highly limited, we are opening registration for now to sponsors ONLY. We will open the program to non-sponsors, subject to remaining spots as we get closer to the date.  
Register at [shearithisrael.org/The-First-Jewish-Americans](http://shearithisrael.org/The-First-Jewish-Americans)

**Don't let us go dry.**  
Be a scotch or arak sponsor. To sponsor or contribute go to [shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships](http://shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships)

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

- For details go to: [shearithisrael.org/judaic-education](http://shearithisrael.org/judaic-education)
- Sunday*
- ◊ **Saariah Gaon's Book of Beliefs and Opinions** | Sjimon den Hollander | 8:45 am
- Monday*
- ◊ **Monday Night Learning: A Series on Early America and the Jews** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 7:00 pm | No class this week
- Tuesday*
- ◊ **Katzap Class and Breakfast** | Following Morning Services
  - ◊ **Feasts and Fasts: The Festivals in Jewish Thought- A Class for Women** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 9:00 am
  - ◊ **Talmud Class** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 7:00 pm | *This week is sponsored by Lester Schwalb in memory of Viv's Father Michel Mielnicki (Menachem Mendel Ben Chaim v Esther) and in honor of Jeff's and Peg's birthdays*
- Wednesday*
- ◊ **NEW: Everything you ever wanted to know about Shearith Israel: A monthly Q & A** | Z. Edinger | 7:00 pm | On select Wednesdays | Begins December 21

To sponsor a single class or an entire semester, go to [shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass)

To find out when your favorite class is held, canceled or our special topics go to [shearithisrael.org/join-our-mailing-lists](http://shearithisrael.org/join-our-mailing-lists) to select which emails you'd like to receive.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Mazal tob* to our past rabbi, Hayyim Angel and Maxine, upon the birth of a son, joining big siblings, Aviva, Dahlia, and Mordechai. *Mazal tob* also to rabbi emeritus, Marc Angel and Gilda, on the birth of a grandchild.

Welcome new members **Lauri and Lewis Barbanel** to the Shearith Israel Community