Kiddush In Honor of Liz Rios

Shabbat, December 21 | Following Morning Services

Generations of children who have passed through Shearith Israel have experienced the warmth, creativity, and enthusiasm of our tireless Tot Shabbat and Toddler Program leader, Liz Rios. This year, we'd love to give a little back!

To support this *kiddush*, and to find out how to contribute to the gift we are planning for Liz, visit **shearithisrael.org/liz-kiddush**.

Celebrate Rabbi Marc Angel's 50th Anniversary in the Rabbinate

Shabbat, December 7

Our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Marc Angel, is celebrating 50 years in the rabbinate and will mark the occasion with a seminar, "Reflections on 50 Years of Rabbinic Service." After the seminar, congregants are welcome to wish Rabbi Angel *mazal tob* at the kiddush to follow.

To join our list of sponsors for this kiddush in Rabbi Angel's honor, visit shearithisrael.org/rabbinate50.

CHOIR SELECTIONS THIS SHABBAT

Friday Night

V Shameru #2 (p. 166) | Samuel Naumbourg

Psalm 23 (p. 174) | Leon Kramer

Yigdal (p. 177) | Samuel de Sola

Shabbat Morning

Misheberakh (p. 208) | Leon Kramer Tehilat (p. 216) | Leon Hyman

Ubnuho Yomar (p. 218) | Rev. H. P. Mendes Adon Olam (p. 232) | Salamone Rossi

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Stitch & Fix

Presented by the Sisterhood

Bi-Monthly on Sundays & Tuesdays | 10 am-12 pm <u>See schedule below</u> | Elias Room

Stitch and Fix, the revived Sewing Circle, meets on a regular basis. Drop in, select an item from our synagogue vestments that needs mending, then stitch and fix. Some items you can even take home and fix at your convenience. For questions, contact Rose Edinger at rgedinger@gmail.com.

THIS Sunday Nov. 24 | THIS Tuesday Nov. 26 Sunday Dec. 15 | Tuesday Dec. 17 Sunday Jan. 5 | Tuesday Jan. 7 Sunday Feb. 9 | Tuesday Feb. 11

DEBAR TORAH —YONI REUVEN, BET MIDRASH PROGRAM—

The majority of this week's *Parasha* deals with Eliezer's search for Yitzchak's wife. Avraham makes Eliezer swear that he will not take a Canaanite women, nor that he will take Yitzchak out of Canaan should the woman refuse to come back with Eliezer. Immediately as Eliezer reaches his destination, he asks God:

"Let it be that the maiden to whom I shall say, 'Please tip over your jug so I may drink', and who replies, 'Drink, and I will even water your camels,' her will You have designated for Your servant, for Yitzchak'" (Bereishit 24:14)

At first glance, there doesn't appear to be anything wrong with this request; Eliezer is merely asking God to give him a sign! The Talmud (Taanit 4a), however, criticizes Eliezer's request as an improper one. Perhaps the woman who would carry out Eliezer's demands would be unfit to marry Yitzchak. Fortunately, however, it was Rivka who met these criteria. Thus, the Talmud says that despite Eliezer's improper request, God's response was appropriate.

Implied from the Talmud is the importance in correctly formulating one's prayers before God. This ties in with an idea taught by Rabbi Shimshon Pincus in his introduction to his book, *She'arim B'tefillah*. He writes that despite the sages referring to prayer as a mercy and a favor granted to us from God, this does not allow us to view it as a free-for-all. While, of course, our subjective relationship to God is crucial, it must be achieved through the structure that our rabbis established. Indeed, it would be inappropriate if we requested our personal needs from God during the sections in which we were meant to be praising or thanking Him. The words we say during *tefillah* are not meant to hinder our relationship with God, rather they teach us how to properly channel our subjective experience into a concrete reality.

Thus, we can learn from Eliezer's incorrect prayer how to pray correctly. It is true that Eliezer's request was granted, but this was due to God's mercy. In most other cases, it is crucial that we formulate our *tefillot* carefully. Learning the meaning of the words, as well as the proper intent to be had when reciting them, is essential on our road to developing a relationship with God.



Congregation Shearith Israel

Year of Years Celebration

CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Haye Sarah

November 22-23, 2019

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 80; Haftarah p. 90 Kaplan Living Torah: p. 100; Haftarah p. 1066

CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:15 pm

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 4:15 pm | Main Sanctuary FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "Sarah vs Socrates" 2019-2020 season sponsored by the Julis Family.

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary
SHAHRIT | 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 | "Plato vs. Our Parasha"
KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | Sponsored by Rivka & Marc Wiznia in honor of their wedding anniversary.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS | 3:30 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "Athens vs. Jerusalem"

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 4:05 pm

HABDALA | 5:00 pm

Rosh Hodesh Kislev is on Thursday and Friday. Thanksgiving is this Thursday; see inside for schedule.

Weekday Service Times

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

Beginning Sunday, December 1, Sunday evenings will include Minha & Arbit and will vary by sundown times. Remember to check the schedule.

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PTTS Shabbaton & Family Beatbox Luncheon

With special guest, champion beatboxer Mark Martin Shabbat, December 14

Our PTTS Hebrew School students are encouraged to take center stage at Junior Congregation on this special Shabbat, and then warmly welcomed to join the exciting programming we have planned: **Mark Martin,** Winner of the 2016 American Beatbox Championships, will be joining us for our family luncheon after services.

Following Jr. Congregation, Mark will host a **beatbox workshop** for the teenagers and children, and he'll also give a talk at the luncheon on the use of beatboxing as a tool for speech therapy.

To register or sponsor, go to shearithisrael.org/beatbox.

Mark Twain In the Holy Land Sunday, February 2 | 11:30 am & 12:30 pm At The New-York Historical Society

Mark Twain's memoir of his tour of the Holy Land launched his career; his experiences are particularly fascinating when considered from the perspective of Jewish history and religion. Join Rabbi Meir Soloveichik for a tour on the final day of the New-York Historical Society's exhibit on Twain's trip through the Mediterranean. Registration is currently open to sponsors only (\$180) at shearithisrael.org/nyhs-twain. Space is limited—only 20 people per tour!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal tob to Simone Lipschutz upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations as well to her parents, Elizabeth Edelman & Henry Lipschutz. In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, Simone created a film on Parashat Haye Sarah.

Mazal tob to Daniela Sassoon & Eli Schildkraut, upon the birth of a baby boy. Congratulations as well to the proud grandparents, Ivy & Marvin Schildkraut, and the entire family. The berit will be held at Shearith Israel on Monday, November 25, and the congregation is welcome to join in the simha.

We are proud to recognize the involvement of our congregational leaders, trustee **David Dangoor**, and **Layaliza & Rabbi Meir Soloveichik** in the upcoming UN Watch Gala Dinner, to be held on December 5 at the Plaza Hotel, featuring Keynote Speaker Ambassador Nikki Haley. UN Watch fights anti-Israeli prejudice at the UN, and defends the true principles of human rights.

To attend or support the dinner, visit unwatch.org/nygala.

Condolences to our Facilities Manager, John Quinones, & Carol Dipisa, on the passing of Carol's brother, Antonio Rivera.

Thanksgiving Day Schedule THIS Thursday, November 28

MORNING SERVICES | 7:45am | Main Sanctuary

RABBI SOLOVEICHIK'S THANKSGIVING ADDRESS | ~8:45 am | Main Sanctuary

CHILDREN'S *HESED* CRAFT ACTIVITY | ~8:40 am | Fidanque Youth Room REFRESHMENTS | 9:00 am | Elias Room

PARADE VIEWING FOR YOUTH | 9:30 am | Portico | for pre-registered members and guests

PACK-A-THON | 9:30 am - 11:30 am | Levy Auditorium | Check-in begins at 9:15

Goal \$18,000 \$16,936 Raised

Annual Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon THIS Thursday, November 28 | 9:30 am

This year, together with **Chamah**, we will be packing robust packages of chicken, meat, and more that will be distributed to hundreds of struggling Jewish families.

We are delighted to once again be partnering the Jewish Center, the West End Collegiate Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and Drisha—and we welcome this year's new partner, the Sephardic Academy of Manhattan.

Help us reach our \$18,000 goal! which is still only a fraction of the total cost of this project.

To volunteer at the Pack-A-Thon and/or support this event, visit shearithisrael.org/packathon2019.

Thanksgiving Parade Viewing for Youth THIS Thursday, November 28 | 9:30 am

Our Portico provides one of the best Thanksgiving Parade views in the city. In an effort to ensure an orderly, secure, and enjoyable experience for the kids, we ask that you **pre-register**.

Parade Viewing Registration is FREE for:

- CSI Members
- Current PTTS Students
- Current Toddler Program Students
- Pack-A-Thon donors at the \$180 level and above

For all others and guests of the above, registration is \$18 per person in advance and \$25 at the door.

To register your child for the parade viewing, visit shearithis rael.org/parade 2019.

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

- ⇒ The Road to Kingship | Rabbi David Silber Sunday Mornings | 10:00 am
- ⇒ 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

Please consider sponsoring a class. Go to: shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass

COMING UP AT A GLANCE

⇒ Stitch & Fix

Sunday, November 24 & Tuesday, November 26 | 10:00 am | *See side panel for details*

⇒ Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon

Thursday Morning, November 28 | 9:30 am

- Rabbi Marc Angel Celebrates 50 Years in the Rabbinate Shabbat Morning, December 7 | See side panel for details
- ⇒ Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Soloveichik

 Sunday, December 8 | 10:30 am | for elementary school aged children
- ⇒ Mitzvot Workshop with Z. Edinger
 Sunday, January 5 | 10:00 am | for elementary school aged children
- ⇒ Mark Twain Tour with Rabbi Soloveichik Sunday, February 2 | see side panel for details

Public Tours Our next public tour is Wednesday, December 11, at 11:00 AM

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