

**Parent-Child Learning**  
Saturday Nights bi-weekly, December 14-February 22  
One hour after Habdala  
*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. Pizza and prizes help make this a fun-filled evening of inter-generational learning.  
For more information, contact Z. Edinger at [zedinger@shearithisrael.org](mailto:zedinger@shearithisrael.org).


**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 tov* at the kiddush to follow.  
To join our list of sponsors for this kiddush in Rabbi Angel's honor, visit [shearithisrael.org/rabbinate50](http://shearithisrael.org/rabbinate50).

**CHOIR SELECTIONS THIS SHABBAT**  
Friday Night  
*V'Shameru* #1 (p. 166) | Samuel Naumbourg  
*Psalm 23* (p. 174) | Rev. H. P. Mendes  
  
Shabbat Morning  
*Misheberakh* (p. 208) | Salamone Rossi  
*Ubnuho Yomar* (p. 218) | Leon Kramer

**Stitch & Fix**  
*Presented by the Sisterhood*  
Bi-Monthly on Sundays & Tuesdays | 10 am-12 pm  
See schedule below | 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. For questions, contact Rose Edinger at [rgedinger@gmail.com](mailto:rgedinger@gmail.com).  
  
Sunday Dec. 15 | Tuesday Dec. 17  
Sunday Jan. 5 | Tuesday Jan. 7  
Sunday Feb. 9 | Tuesday Feb. 11

**APPRECIATING OUR BLESSINGS, NOT SPURNING THEM**  
—RABBI IRA ROHDE, HAZZAN—  
“ויבז עשו את הבכורה...”  
*And Esau spurned the birthright...* (Gen. 25:34)  
The verb used for Esau's "spurning" of the birthright could come from two slightly different versions of more or less the same root: "בזה" is a term which we could translate into modern slang as to "trash" or to "treat like trash." "בזז" means to "despoil" or to "take as spoil." Esau treated the birthright with contempt, like "disposable goods" to be taken advantage of at will. Esau's hunting prowess might have made him an ideal conqueror of the Land. But hunters and conquistadors often don't value what they have conquered; rather, everything may come to be seen as mere "spoil" to be "disposed of." For them, "it's easy come, easy go."  
Agriculturalists and herdsmen, on the other hand, have to tend to their possessions carefully, and learn to value what they have. If they don't appreciate what they have properly, they will end up not being attentive enough, not tending to it properly, and end up neglecting what they have. And through that neglect they will come to eventually losing what they have. Although the grounds in the story for why Esau loses his inheritance and Jacob gets it instead may seem slight, that appreciation of what we have, thankfulness for it, and, therefore, respectfulness towards it, are, in fact, key to attentively tending and cultivating what we have.  
Only through appreciating and respecting what we have can we ensure that we will continue to flourish and continue to be blessed. Only by properly appreciating the blessing, "ברכה," which we've been given, can we avoid squandering our "בכורה," our birthright.

**From the Files of a Yoetzet:**  
**Case Studies in Marriage & Mikveh**  
*An evening for women of all stages and ages*  
Wednesday, December 11 | 7:30 pm  
Held at a private home  
Shearith Israel is proud to co-sponsor this event with the Jewish Center and our Yoetzet Halakha, Shiffy Friedman. The event will be held in a private UWS home — to RSVP and receive the address, visit [tinyurl.com/yoetzet-cases](http://tinyurl.com/yoetzet-cases).

  
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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL  
**Year of Years Celebration**  
**CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL**  
**The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue**  
  
**Shabbat Toledoth**  
*November 29-30, 2019*  
  
Hertz Pentateuch: p. 93; Haftarah p. 102  
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 116; Haftarah p. 1070  
  
CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:12 pm  
EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 4:15 pm | Main Sanctuary  
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | 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  
KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium  
  
NO SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS THIS WEEK.  
  
EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 4:05 pm  
HABDALA | 4:56 pm  
  
Weekday Service Times  
**Mornings:** Sunday: 8:00 AM | Monday-Wednesday, & Friday: 7:15 AM  
**Evenings: Sunday (MINHA & ARBIT): 4:15 PM**  
Monday-Thursday (Arbit only): 6:30 PM  
*Beginning THIS Sunday, December 1, SUNDAY evenings 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](http://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](http://shearithisrael.org/nyhs-twain). *Space is limited—only 20 people per tour!*

## 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 thank Liz, and to find out how to contribute to the gift we are planning for her, visit [shearithisrael.org/liz-kiddush](http://shearithisrael.org/liz-kiddush).

*This kiddush is underwritten; all proceeds will go toward enhancing our youth programming.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mazal tob* to **Ahron Herring**, who is being awarded the JICNY Pinnacle of Leadership award at the annual JICNY Gala Fundraiser on December 3. To register for the dinner and support Ahron, visit [jicny.com/2019.Ahron.Herring](http://jicny.com/2019.Ahron.Herring).

*Mazal tob* to **Judy & Joel Schreiber**, upon the marriage of their granddaughter, Carly Schreiber, to Sammy Rausch.

## Annual Memorial Prayer for Jews Left Behind

This Shabbat, a special *Hashcaba* will be recited in memory of Jews from Arab lands who were "left behind" and whose burial places can no longer be easily visited.

In 2014, November 30 was established as a **Day of Commemoration for the Jewish refugees from Arab countries and Iran**. This is a day to remember and mourn the ending of Jewish communities in the Middle East and North Africa in the 20th century.

Last year, two members of the Iraqi Jewish Community in Montreal, Sass Peress and Sami Sourani, began an effort to have synagogues throughout the Jewish world recite a memorial prayer on November 30. This effort was begun at our sister synagogue, the Spanish & Portuguese synagogue of Montreal.

This year, Shearith Israel in New York, as well as Bevis Marks in London, together with dozens of other synagogues throughout the world are joining in this collective memorial prayer. **The special *Hashcaba* will be recited at the conclusion of the Torah portion about 10:20 AM.** Please join with us and with communities throughout the Jewish world for this short but meaningful prayer.



## End of Year Gifts

- Now is the time to support Shearith Israel, our societies, and special funds (e.g. rabbi's discretionary fund, Sisterhood, Hebra, etc.) with an end of year gift. Visit [tinyurl.com/omnibus19](http://tinyurl.com/omnibus19) to donate online.

- If you have any outstanding balances, now is also a good time to take care of those.



### 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](mailto:parnas@shearithisrael.org).

## 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](http://shearithisrael.org/join-our-email-lists)*
- ⇒ **Bet Midrash | led by Steven Gotlib**  
Monday-Thursday | One hour before evening services

## RABBI SOLOVEHICK'S UPCOMING MAJOR LECTURES:

*Mark Your Calendars and Watch Your Emails*

**Following Evening Services**

- ⇒ **Monday, December 9:** Special History Lecture. *Topic to be announced this Monday*
- ⇒ **Wednesday, January 8:** "From Mitzrayim To Manhattan: What the Metropolitan Museum Teaches Us About the Exodus"
- ⇒ **Monday, February 10:** Special History Lecture
- ⇒ **Tuesday, March 3:** Major Pre-Purim Shiur

## COMING UP AT A GLANCE

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