



IN REVIEW: Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's enormously successful Thanksgiving Pack-A-Thon. We had an extraordinary number of volunteers from Shearith Israel, The West End Collegiate Church, The Jewish Center, The Church of Latter-Day Saints, and elsewhere—and raised more money for hunger alleviation than in any previous year. Together, we packed thousands of meals and raised \$18,104, surpassing our \$18,000 goal.

If you took any photos at the event (or of the children on the Portico), please send them to srosenberg@shearithisrael.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Shearith Israel & The Jewish Center Ski and Snowboard Trip Monday, December 25

Join us on the slopes of Hunter Mountain! Shearith Israel and The Jewish Center are joining forces again this year for a fun day of skiing and snowboarding! All are welcome—teens, singles, couples, families, first-timers, black diamond skiers, and more.

To register, go to shearithisrael.org/ski.

CARING CONNECTION & THE LEAGUE PRESENT:

Upper West Side Blood Drive *The Esther Goldfarb Memorial Blood Drive* January 7, 2018 | 10:00 am-4:00 pm The Jewish Center, 131 W 86 St

Kick off the new year by giving the gift of life—be a blood donor.

To maximize our impact, this year we are partnering with numerous congregations on the Upper West Side, so far including: Darkhei Noam, The Jewish Center, Lincoln Square Synagogue, Congregation Shaare Zedek, and Young Israel of the Upper West Side.

Registration details to follow.

Our next public
tour is **Wednesday,**
December 13

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

ASK THE YOETZET

— BY SHIFFY FRIEDMAN, YOETZET HALAKHA —

This is the first in a new column that will appear on occasion, featuring our *Yoetzet Halakha*, Shiffy Friedman, who will provide helpful answers to questions that congregants pose to her. You may submit a question by email to nycyoetzet@gmail.com.

Question: What IS a Yoetzet Halakha?

Answer (adapted from yoatzot.org):

Nishmat, The Jeanie Schottenstein Center for Advanced Torah Study for Women, pioneered the education and certification of *Yoatzot Halakha*, Women Consultants in Jewish Law. In Jerusalem, Nishmat's Keren Ariel *Yoatzot Halakha* Fellows Program is under the direction of Rabbi Yaacov Varhaftig. In North America, Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center is home to the U.S. *Yoatzot Halakha* Fellows Program, led by its Dean, Rabbi Kenneth Auman. More than 110 certified *Yoatzot Halakha* serve Jewish women and couples throughout the world.

Yoatzot Halakha are women certified by a panel of Orthodox rabbis to be a resource for women with questions regarding *Taharat Hamishpaha* (an area of Jewish Law that relates to marriage, sexuality and women's health). This role was devised to assist women who are more comfortable discussing very personal issues with another woman.

Women preparing to become *Yoatzot Halakha* devote two years to intensive study with rabbinic authorities in *Taharat Hamishpaha*. In addition, they receive training from experts in modern medicine and psychology, including gynecology, infertility, women's health, family dynamics and sexuality.

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Shiffy Friedman graduated from Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center's U.S. *Yoatzot Halakha* Fellows Program in 2015. She has been counseling women in the area of women's health and halakha, both through her role as *Yoetzet Halakha* in Westchester County and through teaching brides and couples before marriage. Shiffy has taught at SAR Academy and currently teaches at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School. She received her B.A. in Judaic Studies from Stern College and a dual M.A. in Education and Jewish Studies from New York University. Prior to that, she spent a year studying in Israel at the Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women in Migdal Oz. She and her husband, Rabbi Noam Friedman, live with their two children, Avital and Adir, in Morningside Heights, where they serve as the OU-JLIC couple at Columbia/Barnard Hillel. They look forward to getting to know members of the broader Manhattan community.

Shearith Israel is a proud co-sponsor of the Manhattan Yoetzet Halakha Initiative. If you have any questions regarding Taharat Hamishpaha (Family Purity) or laws of Niddah, please contact our Yoetzet Halakha in confidence at nycyoetzet@gmail.com, or by calling or texting 646-598-1080.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Vayishlah December 1-2, 2017

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 122; Haftarah p. 137
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 154; Haftarah p. 1078

CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:11 pm

MINHAH & ARBIT | 4:15 pm | Main Sanctuary

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "When William Seward Visited the Kotel: A 19th Century Sabbath Story" | 2017-18 season sponsored by the Julis family.

HANUKKAH SHIUR (PART 1 OF 3) | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik
| Elias Room | 8:15 am

ZEMIROT | 8:30 am

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am

TOT SHABBAT WITH LIZ AND SHANADE | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am
| Fidanque Youth Room (NEW!)

YOUTH GROUPS WITH RACHEL | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Elias Room

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

LECTURE | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "When Churchill Quoted the Macabees: The Biblical Language of Leadership"

KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | *With greetings by Reuven Magnagy, member of a visiting delegation of Wounded IDF Soldiers.*

SEUDA SHELISHIT & SHABBAT AFTERNOON PIRKEI ABOT SHIUR | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "Saul, David, and the Hanukkah Story" | 3:30 pm | Levy Auditorium | *Class sponsored by Vivienne Roumani-Denn and Morton Denn in memory of Vivienne's father, Joseph Roumani. Fall semester sponsored by Scott Shay, in memory of Chana Razel bat Aaron v'Sarah.*

MINHAH & ARBIT | 4:05 pm

HABDALAH | 4:56 pm

Weekday Service Times

Mornings:

Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday-Friday: 7:15 am

Evenings (Arbit Only):

Sunday-Thursday: 6:30 pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
Shabbat Luncheon Featuring A Conversation Between
Rabbi Soloveichik and Dr. Andrew Porwancher
The Jewish Friends and Clients of Alexander Hamilton
Saturday, December 9 | Following Morning Services

How friendly was Alexander Hamilton with New York's
Jews? How did his Jewish friends help form his own views
about the future of the United States? Most tantalizingly,
what do these relationships tell us about Jewish links in
Hamilton's own past?

To register and sponsor, visit shearithisrael.org/hamilton.

*Dr. Andrew Porwancher is the author of the forthcoming
The Jewish Founding Father: Alexander Hamilton's Hidden
Life, to be published by Harvard University Press. He is a visit-
ing scholar at the Straus Center's Program on Early
America and the Jews.*

Our Winter Bulletin Has Arrived!

Keep an eye on your mailbox for our hot-off-the-presses Winter
2017-2018 Bulletin. Until then, pick up a copy at the synagogue
or check out the online version at
shearithisrael.org/bulletins-and-guides.

FROM THE DISTRIBUTOR THAT BROUGHT YOU
"THE WOMEN'S BALCONY"

The Film Critics are Calling a "Must-See" and "A Masterpiece"

"1945"

Now playing at Lincoln Plaza Cinemas, with a special
screening to be held at Shearith Israel
on Yom Hashoah, April 11.

On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son
arrive in a small village in Hungary while the
villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The
townspeople—suspicious, remorseful, fearful, and
cunning—expect the worst and behave accordingly.

A superb ensemble cast, lustrous black and white
cinematography, and historically detailed art direction
contribute to this eloquent drama.

We've Recently Updated! Enroll in CSI's Text Messaging Notification Service

We can remind you by text when RSVP deadlines are
approaching. We can also alert you of weather
emergencies, security incidents, or other critical
notices. If you haven't been receiving these texts but wish to
subscribe to our service, visit

shearithisrael.org/text-message-notifications.

Please be assured, we will only text you for those alerts you
have selected and will only use this on an as-needed basis.

YOUTH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

Introducing the New Fidanque Youth Room

This week, we are proud to unveil our brand new **Fidanque
Youth Room**, where our children can enjoy an inviting, safe
place of their own to play and learn. This was made possible
by a grassroots initiative and the generosity of several of our
Young Families and their supporters, who envisioned this
project and undertook the fundraising and planning
necessary to make it a reality.

Hanukkah Fest!

For all Shearith Israel Youth and PTTS Families
Sunday, December 17 | 11:00 am

Please join PTTS and CSI youth for fun and educational Ha-
nukkah festivities, including an interactive olive press demon-
stration, art projects, songs, and homemade waffles.

While many Jews celebrate Hanukkah by eating potato
pancakes, deep fried in oil in remembrance of the miracle of
the oil, here at Shearith Israel we honor the tradition of Am-
sterdam by eating vaffele (waffles) because God made a
"miracle and wonder" (Hebrew: "nes va-fe'le") during these
days. And after all, everyone loves a good waffle!

Junior Congregation with a Torah Reading

Next Shabbat, December 9 | 10:30 am

Come lead Junior Congregation! Parts of Torah
reading and services for December 9 are available for
participants (ages 5-12) to lead; many of them are quite brief
and excellent for beginners. Please contact
Mrs. Lisa Rohde to arrange a part for your child
(lirohde-csi@yahoo.com or 646-339-7845).

A Three-Part Series by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

*The Most Misunderstood Holiday:
The True Meaning of Hanukkah*

Part 1: This Shabbat, December 2, 8:15 am

Part 2: Next Shabbat, December 9, 8:15 am

Part 3: Shabbat Hanukkah, December 16, 3:30 pm
(Morning Services begin at 8:30 am on Dec. 2 & 9)

In the weeks preceding Hanukkah, culminating on Shabbat
Hanukkah, please join Rabbi Soloveichik for a pre-services shiur
that will utilize both halakha and history to show how we have
lost much of what this holiday is truly all about and why it is so
important to rediscover it now.

The first two classes will take place prior to *shaharit* on
Shabbat mornings, December 2 and 9, at 8:15 am, and the series
will conclude on the afternoon of Shabbat Hanukkah,
December 16, prior to *minhab*, at 3:30 pm.

Welcome Reuven Magnagy of Israel's Honor Day Delegation Following Morning Services | During Kiddush

This year, in honor of Israel's 4th official Honor Day recognizing
wounded soldiers and victims of terror attacks, an official
delegation of 6 former IDF wounded soldiers will spend 8 days in
New York. We are delighted that IDF veteran, **Reuven
Magnagy**, will be addressing us this shabbat.

Reuven was wounded in 2001, and has since gone on to become a
Paralympic athlete, representing Israel in the Paralympic Games
in London and Beijing.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal tob to Judy & Joel Schreiber on the birth of a great-
grandson, born to their grandchildren, Tobi and Ben
Weingarten.

Welcome new members Alan & Halana Greenberg to the
Shearith Israel family.

Condolences to Isaac Corre, on the passing of his father,
Rev. Alan D. Corr.

Mazal tob to Zoya Raynes & Robert Friedman who will be
honored this Monday by the JCRC-NY at their Winter Benefit
Reception at the Jewish Museum.