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**Ruby Namdar, author of *The Ruined House*
in conversation with**

Shira Hecht-Koller of Drisha

Wednesday, March 6 | 7:00 pm

Free and open to the public

Join Ruby Namdar and Shira Hecht-Koller of Drisha for a lively discussion of *The Ruined House*, Namdar’s award-winning debut novel

that draws heavily on Talmudic themes and structures, juxtaposing them with modern, secular Jewish intellectual life.

Learn about the author’s unique perspective on the Talmud, and how it has influenced him, his writing, and the book’s protagonist.

The event is free, but registration is encouraged—and signing up enters you to win a signed copy! Register at shearithisrael.org/rubynamdar.

Ruby Namdar was born and raised in Jerusalem to a family of Iranian-Jewish heritage. His novel *The Ruined House* won the Sapir Prize, Israel’s most prestigious literary award. He currently lives in NYC and teaches Jewish literature, focusing on Biblical and Talmudic narrative.

CHOIR SELECTIONS THIS SHABBAT

Friday Night

V'Shameru #2 (p. 166) | Samuel Naumbourg
Psalm 23 (p. 174) | Henry P. Mendes

Shabbat Morning

Misheberakh (p. 208) | Leon Hyman
Ubnuho Yomar (p. 218) | Samuel Naumbourg
Yehi Hasdekha #1 (p. 215) | "Traditional"

Shearith Israel Community Groups

CARING CONNECTION

Caring Connection was founded in order to provide organized assistance to members of our community. It responds to a variety of situations, for example, in times of difficulty and illness, or for the exciting and often overwhelming challenges accompanying the arrival of a new baby. Caring Connection facilitates and trains community members as sensitive volunteers to proactively help others through times of need, one of Judaism’s greatest *mitzvot*.

THE HEBRA HASED VA’AMET

As the oldest Jewish philanthropic organization in New York City, the *Hebra* provides dignified burials for indigent members and contributes to the maintenance of Congregation Shearith Israel’s cemeteries. The members of the *Hebra Kadisha*, an integral part of the *Hebra Hased Va’Amet*, perform *tahara* for synagogue members. The *Hebra* also provides the Mourners’ Meal after funerals and, together with Caring Connection, provides support for mourners during *shiba*, and occasionally sponsors cultural events in the Synagogue.

SHEARITH ISRAEL LEAGUE

The League sponsors events throughout the year such as public lectures, concerts, and *hesed* projects such as food, blood, and coat drives. Eager for new members and leaders, the League invites all who might be interested to attend one of our warm and welcoming meetings as well as our public events.

SISTERHOOD OF THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE

The Sisterhood holds a number of communal responsibilities, including the decoration and running of our renowned Elias Room Succah and the beautification of the Main Sanctuary during Shabuot. It also spearheads many social initiatives, such as knitting classes for teens, headwrapping with Wrapunzel for women, and more.

YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Shearith Israel attracts a dynamic group of young couples and families. Our Young couples and Families group is designed to help these members connect with each other and feel at home at Shearith Israel through shabbat luncheons and other family friendly get-togethers.

To learn more and get involved, visit shearithisrael.org/community-groups.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Mishpatim February 1-2, 2019

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 306; Haftarah p. 323
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 356; Haftarah p. 1118

CANDLE LIGHTING | 4:55 pm

EVENING SERVICES | 5:00 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Soloveichik | “Victoria, Albert, and the Sabbath Queen” | *2018-2019 season sponsored by the Julis family.*

MORNING SERVICES | Main Sanctuary | 8:15 am

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room

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

JUNIOR CONGREGATION | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue

SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik | “Parashat Mishpatim and the Ketubah of Castile”

KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik | 3:50 pm | “Leap Years and the Leap of Faith” | Levy Auditorium

EVENING SERVICES | 4:50 pm

HABDALA | 5:43 pm

Rosh Hodesh Adar I is on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Weekday Service Times

Mornings:

Sunday: 8:00 am | Monday-Friday: 7:15 am

Evenings:

Sunday (Minha & Arbit): 5:00 pm
Monday-Thursday (Arbit only): 6:30 pm

THE SHEARITH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

Wrapunzel

Sunday, February 3 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Proceeds will benefit Sharsheret, an organization dedicated to helping Jewish cancer patients and their families

Want to give your creative side a twist?

Looking for an elegant solution to a bad hair day?

Tired of shivering, windblown, as temperatures drop? Intrigued by well-priced soft silk scarves and a side order of technique?

Know a cancer patient who might benefit?

Join the Shearith Israel Sisterhood, Wrapunzel, and Sharsheret at this special event, featuring demonstrations, one-on-one tutorials, plus scarves, accessories, and specialty gear for sale.

Online registration has closed, but walk-ins are welcome for \$10 at the door.

Light refreshments will be served. Women only, please.

Participate in Our Annual Women's *Megillah* Reading
2 rehearsals: Sunday, February 24 | 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 10 | 7:00 pm

This year, our Annual Women's *Megillah* Reading falls on Thursday morning, March 21st. Services start at 7:15 am and *Megillah* is scheduled for 8:00 am.

Any woman or girl who has passed their 12th birthday is eligible to participate! Assignments can be as short as 3 verses, and audio is available on the synagogue website to study on the go, so don't be afraid to give it a try.

Anyone who wants to participate should contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com as soon as possible for an assignment.

Public Tours

Our next public tour is
Wednesday,
February 13, at 11:00 AM

Parnas Office Hours

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

Jewish Education Alert

Rabbi Silber's new class on the Book of Judges will begin **THIS Sunday, February 3**. To learn more and register (FREE for Shearith Israel members), visit shearithisrael.org/silber-judges.

Schedule Alert: Sunday Evening Services

Beginning this week, our Sunday evening services will include both Minha and Arbit. This Sunday evening, February 3rd, evening services will begin at 5:00 pm.

Please note the following new Sunday evening service times:

February 3 evening services at 5:00 pm

February 10 evening services at 5:00 pm

February 17 evening services at 5:15 pm

February 24 evening services at 5:15 pm

This change will only affect Sundays in February. Regular weekday evening services (Monday-Thursday) will remain at 6:30 pm for Arbit only.

Parent-Child Learning & Pizza

Final Session of the Season:

NEXT Saturday Night, February 9 | 7:00 pm

Led by Z. Edinger

For Children Aged 5-12 & Their Parents or Grandparents

A wonderful opportunity for parents (or grandparents) to study Torah with their children together with Shearith Israel's clergy.

Pizza and prizes help make this a fun-filled evening of inter-generational learning.

Register for the February 9 session (only \$5 per person) at shearithisrael.org/parent-child-learning.

Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Soloveichik

For Elementary School Aged Children & Their Parents

Sundays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

NEXT Sunday, February 10 | March 10

On several Sundays over the course of the year, children and their parents start the day together with morning services after which they will proceed to a topical "Brunch and Learn" with Rabbi Soloveichik.

Register at shearithisrael.org/brunch-learn.

FILM SCREENING

THIS Wednesday, February 6 | 7:00 pm

The Last Jews of Baghdad

Marking the anniversary of the Baghdad Hangings

With opening remarks from the producer, Carole Basri

Today, only 5 Jews remain in Iraq from a population of 160,000. This film asks, "Why did the Iraqi Jews leave?" The answer is found in the discriminatory laws and policies enacted by Iraq's government and leaders against these former members of Iraqi society who still consider themselves "Iraqi Jews."

Register at shearithisrael.org/baghdad-screenings.

Only \$5 per member/\$8 per non-member in advance, \$10 at the door.

Special Commemorative Baghdad Booklet

Our limited edition "*Remembering Baghdad*" booklet, featuring will be available at the screening for \$5. You can also order online at shearithisrael.org/baghdad-book.



*This screening is part of our many
Year of Years, 365th Anniversary events,
showcasing the extraordinary diversity and
heritage of our congregation.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the following new members to our growing Shearith Israel family:

Daina & Greg Gurevich

Dr. Albert Levy

Farewell and best wishes to our outgoing Office Assistant, **Deborah Bendheim**, who is leaving to pursue a business venture.

Condolences to our member **Yaakov Ben-Avi**, on the passing of his mother, Sima Ben-Avi.

Condolences to our members **Charles Gourgey** and **Annette Gourgey**, on the passing of their mother, Louise Gourgey.