

Important Notices

- ♦ **Jr. Congregation**—The next Jr. Congregation with a Torah Reading will be Parashat Tetzavveh-Zachor, March 7. If your child would like to read the Torah that week, contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde.csi@gmail.com as soon as possible.
- ♦ **Maintenance**—Important repairs are currently underway near the Fidanque Room. Please pardon our appearance while we make these repairs.

Young Families Luncheon with the Author of *Angelina Ballerina*

Shabbat, March 28 | Following Morning Services

For girls, boys, and their parents

Join our young families and Katharine Holabird, best known for her beloved *Angelina Ballerina* book series, for a dairy Shabbat lunch and an entertaining program full of ballet facts and life lessons learned from the books.

Register or sponsor at shearithisrael.org/angelina.

Shearith Israel League Ping-Pong Meetup

NEXT Sat. night, March 7 | 8-10 PM | at SPIN54, 7 E 54th St

The Shearith Israel League invites you to a special event at SPIN 54 to socialize in a fun and lively atmosphere and of course to play ping-pong. See your fellow synagogue members in a whole new light and make new friends as we meet for this fun and relaxed social event.

Drinks are included. All skill levels are welcome. \$25 per person, 21+ only.

Space is limited, so register now at shearithisrael.org/ping-pong.

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD PROGRAMMING

Stitch & Fix Special: Embroidery with Jodie

Sunday, March 15 | 10am-12pm | For teens & tweens

Each participant will receive a starter embroidery kit to begin their individual project, under the instruction of Shearith Israel parent, Jodie Sherizen. Jodie will explain and demonstrate how to do the cross stitch. Bring your friends!

Price: \$5 per registrant, to help defray expenses.

To register, visit shearithisrael.org/embroidery.

DEBAR TORAH

—AARON SCHWARTZ-MESSING, BET MIDRASH—

The Meiri and other commentators explain that the seven branches of the Menorah represent the seven wisdoms: Logic, Science, Psychology, Biology, Music, Philosophy, and Torah. It follows that the structure of the Menorah may shed light on the relationship between these wisdoms:

You shall make a Menorah of pure gold; the Menorah shall be made of hammered work; its base and its shaft, its cups, calyxes, and petals shall be of one piece. (Exodus 25:31)

The Torah states that it is imperative for the entire Menorah to be made of one piece—one unified block of gold which is carefully sculpted and carved until it takes the shape of the Menorah. Similarly, different wisdoms should not be viewed as independent unrelated entities which are artificially fused and reconciled, but rather all of wisdom is in and of itself unified. The branches of wisdom are simply subparts of one unified whole.

Six branches shall emerge from its sides; three branches from one side of the Menorah and three branches from the other side of the Menorah. (Exodus 25:32)

The middle branch represents Torah. The Torah is the basis, the core wisdom from which all other wisdoms emanate, as King David writes in Psalms: *“The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the LORD; all who practice it gain sound understanding”* (111:10).

The relationship between Torah and other wisdoms is deepened by a verse in Parashat Behaalotekha: *“Speak to Aaron and say to him, ‘When you mount the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light towards the face of the Menorah’* (Numbers 8:2). Rashi explains: *“towards the face of the Menorah—i.e. towards the central lamp, which is not on one of the branches, but rather on the central shaft of the Menorah itself.”*

The branches do not act as their own independent sources of light. Just like the body of the Menorah is unified, the light of the Menorah is unified as well. The lights of the branches of the Menorah act as an enhancement and amplification of the illumination of the middle shaft. The light of secular wisdom does not function independently of the light of the Torah, but rather functions only to enhance and amplify the Torah’s light.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Terumah

February 28-29, 2020

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 325; Haftarah p. 336
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 380; Haftarah p. 1120

CANDLE LIGHTING | 5:27 pm

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 5:30 pm | Main Sanctuary
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “The Many Purims of Natan Sharansky” | 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

SERMON | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | “Is it David's or Solomon's Temple?”

KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | Sponsored by Lydia Sarfati in memory of Shelomo van Moppes.

SHABBAT AFTERNOON PRE-PURIM SHIUR | 4:25 pm | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | Levy Auditorium

EVENING SERVICES (MINHA & ARBIT) | 5:25 pm

HABDALA | 6:18 pm

Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM | Monday-Friday: 7:15 AM

Evenings: Sunday (Minha & Arbit): 5:30 PM

Monday-Thursday (Arbit only): 6:30 PM

Public Tours

Our next public tour is
Wednesday, March 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.

SPACE IS LIMITED | SIGN UP NOW
Professor Laura Leibman: The Art of the Jewish Family

An interactive crafting workshop

Tuesday, March 24 | 7:00 pm | *For adults & children over 10 years old*

In the 19th Century, before Facebook or Instagram, commonplace books were a place to record memorable quotes, images, and ideas. By writing in each other's collections, women built friendships and shared feelings and experiences.

In this very special and innovative event, each participant will be given the identity of one early American Jewish woman (many of whom were members of Shearith Israel) and then make and decorate their own commonplace book, with copies of historical artifacts such as poems, stories, sketches, recipes, portraits, and newspaper clippings.

Space is limited to 24 people; registration required at **shearithisrael.org/leibman-workshop**.

CHOIR SELECTIONS

Friday Evening:

Veshameru #1 (p.166) | Samuel Naumbourg

Psalm 23 (p.174) | Leon Kramer

Yigdal (p.177) | Samuel de Sola

Shabbat Morning:

Misheberakh (p. 208) | Leon Kramer

Yehi Hasdekha (p. 215) | Julius Mombach

Ubnuho Yomar (p. 218) | Leon Hyman

Adon Olam (p. 232) | (#1) Traditional

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tob to **Geula Levi Freeman** upon the marriage of her son, Jonathan Freeman, to Jenica Miller.

Mazal tob to **Janice & Isaac Ovadiah**, on the birth of a granddaughter, Raquel, to their children, Simhi & Shimmie Jacoby.

We mourn the loss of our long-time member, **Renee Alevy**.

We mourn the loss of our member and trustee, **Elliot Freilich**. Condolences to his wife, **Helen**, his children, **Alexander**, **Lily**, and **Isaac**, his mother, **Estelle**, and his brothers, **Benjamin**, **Jonathan**, and **David**. Elliot was the son of our past Parnas, **Dr. Dennis Freilich**, a”h.

PURIM AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

Major Pre-Purim Shiur

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik

Tuesday, March 3 | Following Evening Services

From Mordecai to Mordecai:

The Incredible Inspiration for Daniel Deronda

CSI YOUTH PRESENTS: “Esther Saves The Day!”

A Purim Puppet Show from WonderSpark Puppets

Monday Evening, March 9 | 7:00 pm | Elias Room

When the evil Haman threatens the Jews of Persia, it's up to the brave Esther and her clever uncle Mordecai to save the day in this Purim Shpiel. Show off your costumes as we watch the Purim story as you've never seen it before!

This show is for all children to enjoy while parents attend 7:15 pm megillah reading. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to sponsor this year's Purim Youth Programming, visit **shearithisrael.org/wonderspark**.

Don't forget to give *Matanot L'Ebyonim*

One of the mitzvot of Purim is to give charity to the poor, *Matanot L'Ebyonim*. You can easily fulfill this mitzvah through the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Donate online at **shearithisrael.org/matanot**, or send a check made out exactly to "Cong. Shearith Israel Rabbis Discretionary Fund" (in the memo, write: "Purim").

Your gifts will be distributed by Rabbi Soloveichik on Purim to those in need.

Women's Megillah Reading

Purim Morning, Tuesday, March 10 | 8:00 am

Join in the celebration of our women and girls as on Purim morning, they conduct a parallel Women's Megillah reading in the Little Synagogue. Contact **Mrs. Lisa Rohde** at **lrohde.csi@gmail.com** if you would still like to participate in the reading.

PURIM AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

DEADLINE: THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 5—SIGN UP TODAY

Annual Purim Dinner

Monday Evening, March 9 | following 7:15 *megillah* reading

Immediately following *megillah*, pre-registered guests enjoy a festive dairy Purim dinner with Rabbi Soloveichik.

Sign up at **shearithisrael.org/purim-dinner5780**.

Annual Purim Breakfast

Tuesday Morning, March 10

Every year, following the readings of the *megillah*, our congregation enjoys a festive Purim Breakfast. To help ensure that we have plenty of hamentashen to go around, sponsor at **shearithisrael.org/purim-breakfast**.

JEWISH EDUCATION 5780

- ⇒ **Friday Night Lights | Rabbi Soloveichik**
Friday Nights | Following Evening Services
- ⇒ **Shabbat Afternoon Class | Rabbi Soloveichik**
Shabbat Afternoons | One hour before Minha
- ⇒ **The Guide to the Duties of the Heart | Rabbi Sjimon den Hollander**
Sunday Mornings | 8:45 am
- ⇒ **The Idea of Kingship | Rabbi David Silber**
Sunday Mornings | 10:00 am | *Not meeting this week*
Registration details at **shearithisrael.org/idea-kingship**
- ⇒ **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 Rohde Gotlib**
Monday-Thursday | One hour before evening services

Thank you to **Suzanne Stern** for sponsoring a Bet Midrash session this past week, in memory of Gittel Haya b. Bracha & Abraham HaCohen. To sponsor a session, week, or season, visit **shearithisrael.org/sponsoraaclass**.