

PURIM AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

Jews Among Persians and Greeks:

Reading Esther in Context

Monday, March 21 | 7:00 pm

Bet Midrash Special Guest Speaker:

Professor Joseph Angel

Joseph Angel is a scholar of ancient Judaism with a focus on religion and history in the Second Temple Period. He is the recipient of research fellowships from the Alexander von Humboldt and Yad Hanadiv/Beracha Foundations.

Purim Dinner

Wednesday, March 23

Following 6:45 pm services (Megillah reading at 7:30 pm)

Registered guests are invited to a festive family-style meal in Levy Auditorium. In addition to a tasty dinner, guests will enjoy our annual children's costume parade. Register at shearithisrael.org/purimdinner by Sunday, March 20.

Women's Megillah Reading

Thursday, March 24 | 8:00 am

Celebrate 26 years of women reading the Megillah on Purim morning at Shearith Israel. Contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com for more information.

Sisterhood Mishloah Manot Project

If you participated in the Sisterhood's Mishloah Manot Project and requested a package (not a card) your package will be available for pickup at the Synagogue on Wednesday, March 23rd and Thursday, March 24th. For questions, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rohde at lrohde-csi@yahoo.com or Mrs. Carla Schein at scheinc6@gmail.com.

Matanot L'Ebyonim

It is one of the core mitzvot of Purim to give charity to the poor, Matanot L'Ebyonim. Your online gift or check made out to the "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund," (memo: "Matanot L'ebyonim") will be distributed by Rabbi Soloveichik on Purim to those in need. Go to shearithisrael.org/matanot to donate.

Purim Breakfast

Thursday, March 24 | Following 8:00 am

Megillah Readings

Immediately following the 8:00 am readings of the Megillah, congregants are welcome to enjoy a festive breakfast. Childcare will be provided throughout the morning. The breakfast is free of charge but sponsors and supporters are highly appreciated. Support this event at shearithisrael.org/purim-breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

The Other Shearith Israel, South of the Sahara

THIS Saturday, March 12 | 8:00 pm | Levy Auditorium

Sponsored by the Shearith Israel League

Learn about Shearith Israel's least known secret, a "daughter congregation" in the village of Putti, Uganda. Members of this African Jewish community call themselves Kahal Kadosh She'erit Yisra'el and use our prayer books. Shearith Israel member, Sjimon Den Hollander, will talk about his involvement with this unusual group, his trip to Uganda, and his close cooperation with rabbis Shlomo Riskin, Ari Greenspan, Ari Zivitosky and others. We expect to host two members of the community who are currently in the United States, and to hear a few of their special melodies, straight from Putti's unique liturgical tradition. Finally, we hope to hear a Jewish Ugandan musician, Rachman Nachman, perform his reggae style songs with a Jewish twist. Admission: \$10 per person (cash or check at the door). All proceeds go to Putti Village Assistance Organization. Light refreshments served.

Freedom, Slavery, and God: The Many Faces of the Haggadah

A Discussion Between

Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik and Leon Wieseltier

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 | 7:00 pm

(Following 6:30 pm services)

No work of rabbinical literature has spoken to so many Jews in so many ways as the Haggadah. What are its secrets?

Free and open to the public.

To register email strauscenter@yu.edu

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

For details go to: shearithisrael.org/judaic-education

Sunday

- ◇ **The Book of Kings** | Rabbi Hidary | 8:40 am
- ◇ **Saadia Gaon's Book of Beliefs and Opinions** | Sjimon den Hollander | 9:30 am

Monday

- ◇ **Second Temple Jewish History** | Rabbi Hidary | 7:00 pm
- ◇ **Bet Midrash** | Rabbi Hidary, Phil Getz, Dr. Josh Eisen, Rabbi Ira Rohde, Meira Wokenfeld | 8:00 pm

Tuesday

- ◇ **Rambam's Mishneh Torah** | Rabbi Hidary | 7:45 am
- ◇ **Feasts and Fasts: The Festivals in Jewish Thought- A Class for Women** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 9:00 am
- ◇ **Talmud Class: Tractate Rosh Hashana and the Philosophy of Jewish Time** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 8:00 pm | *Spring semester sponsored by Gregory Bell.*

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Parnas Office Hours

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

Our next public tour is:
Wednesday, April 13 at 11:00 am