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

The Film Critics Called a "Must-See" and "A Masterpiece"

"1945"

Wednesday, April 11 | 7:00 pm

In commemoration of Yom Hashoa, we will be holding a special screening of the critically acclaimed film, *1945*.

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

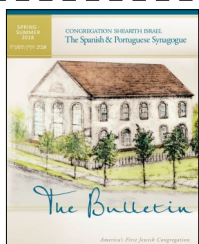
Visit shearithisrael.org/1945 for registration and tickets.
Get tickets in advance—\$5-\$8 online, \$10 at the door.

Upper West Side Celebrates Israel

Sunday, April 15 | Symphony Space
(2537 Broadway at 95th Street)

Join Shearith Israel and the entire Upper West Side Jewish community in celebrating Israel's 70th Yom Ha'atzmaut!

This massive festival will have both indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. This festival is sure to be a can't-miss event of the year, so mark your calendars.



Our Spring-Summer Bulletin is Here

Members should be receiving their copies in the mail; until then, pick up a copy at the synagogue, or check out the online version at shearithisrael.org/bulletins-and-guides.

Our next public tour
is **Wednesday,**
April 11

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

YESH TIKVA: INFERTILITY AWARENESS SHABBAT

This week is Parashat HaHodesh, when we add a special reading about the Paschal sacrifice brought by the Israelites in Egypt just before the Exodus (Exodus 12:1-20). Each household is instructed to sacrifice a lamb, place some of its blood on the doorpost, roast its meat, and consume it at home that evening leaving nothing left over. This sacrifice would later become the centerpiece of the annual holiday commemorating the Exodus. This sacrifice is what gives the holiday its name—Pesah.

Passover is arguably the most well known and widely celebrated Jewish holiday. It is a time of celebration with family and friends. Its unique home ritual commemorates the Paschal sacrifice and includes a strong educational component that focuses on children and re-telling the story to the next generation.

It is important to remember during this time of year, amidst all our preparations and anticipation for celebrating with our families - that some of us may find all the attention on family and children to be bittersweet, even painful, for not all of us are blessed with having children and raising a family. For those struggling to conceive, the words וְהַגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא—"You shall tell your son that day"—can be especially painful.

For this reason, Shearith Israel along with many other synagogues throughout the country have chosen this Shabbat to raise awareness about infertility and its emotional impact in our community. This communal effort has been organized by Yesh Tikva, an organization that provides support to those affected by infertility. Yesh Tikva provides practical and emotional tools to help those affected by infertility, including publishing guides to medical information, halakhic issues, and other resource guides for infertility, organizing support groups, creating platforms for sharing personal stories, and organizing events to raise awareness and sensitivity.

Yesh Tikva aims to increase awareness and sensitivity among those who have not struggled to have children and to equip them with resources to help and support those who may be suffering in silence. We hope you will take a few moments to learn more about these issues.

One of the halakhic rules related to the Paschal sacrifice is that if a family is too small to fully consume a whole lamb on Passover Eve, they must partner with a neighbor and combine their households celebrate the Passover together. This rule is ostensibly made to prevent any of the sacrifice from being leftover and becoming waste. But it also adds a social element to the holiday. Passover is meant to be celebrated with one's family - but we must also make sure that everyone is included. Only by opening our homes to others and bringing our households together can we properly celebrate. Increasing our sensitivity and awareness for those in need, including those struggling in silence with infertility, will help make this Passover a time of celebration for all.



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Vayikra-Rosh Hodesh-HaHodesh

March 16-17, 2018

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 409; Haftarah: p. 1002;
Rosh Hodesh: p. 695; HaHodesh: p. 253
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 498; Haftarah: p. 1284;
Rosh Hodesh: p. 814; HaHodesh: p. 308

CANDLE LIGHTING | 6:46 pm

MINHAH & ARBIT | 6:30 pm | Main Sanctuary

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: HAGGADAH EDITION | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "From The Rasha With Love" | 2017-2018 season
sponsored by the Julis family.

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Main Sanctuary

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

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

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

TALK | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | "The Pesah Song of General Mark W. Clark"

KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SHIUR | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik | 5:40 pm |
"The Fifth Cup: A New Approach" | Levy Auditorium

MINHAH & ARBIT | 6:40 pm

HABDALAH | 7:39 pm

Weekday Service Times

Mornings:

Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday-Friday: 7:15 am

Evenings:

Sunday-Thursday (Minhah & Arbit—**note new time**): 6:30 pm

PESAH AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

Sale of Hametz

Congregants are welcome to appoint Rabbi Soloveichik to sell their *hametz* in advance of Passover. A convenient online form is available, or members may handle this transaction in person at the synagogue by **Thursday, March 29**. Visit shearithisrael.org/hametz to submit online.

Maot Hittim

As part of experiencing freedom ourselves, we must also ensure that our fellow Jews have the means to celebrate freedom too. *Maot Hittim* is a special Passover fund, originally intended to provide the poor with matzah. Your online gift or check made out to the "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" (indicate "*maot hittim*" in the memo) will be distributed by Rabbi Soloveichik right before Pesah. To donate, please visit shearithisrael.org/maothittim.

Matzah Baking

THIS Thursday, March 22 | Offered during 2 sessions:
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm or 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

CSI Youth are invited to join PTTS as we experience the popular Model Matzah Bakery, with Rabbi Yisroel Fried of Chabad of the West Side. Matzah baking is a hands-on educational experience that gives each child the chance to make his or her own matzah, as our ancestors did over 3,300 years ago and have continued to do every year since. If your child is not a PTTS student but is interested in attending, please email Yona Glass at yglass@shearithisrael.org.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR TEEN GIRL SHIR HASHIRIM READERS
Final Rehearsal and Celebration
Tuesday, April 3 (2nd Day Hol HaMoed Pesah)
5:00-6:30pm

The teen girls who are reading Shir HaShirim will meet with Rabbi Ira Rohde for a final rehearsal in the Large Synagogue. After rehearsal, there will be a small celebration with well-deserved refreshments in the Elias Room.

**Sponsor the Kiddush in Honor of
Our Teen Girl Readers of Shir HaShirim**
Eighth Day of Pesah, Saturday, April 7

After *musaf* on the last day of Passover, the teen girls of our synagogue take part in our unique tradition as they read The Song of Songs for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary after services.

To sponsor the *kiddush* in the girls' honor, go to shearithisrael.org/teen-girls-shir-hashirim-2018.

SAVE THE DATE

Visiting Scholar:
Professor Laura Arnold Leibman
Shabbat, April 21 | Following Morning Services
Monday, April 30 | 7:00 pm

We are delighted to welcome Professor Laura Arnold Leibman, who will deliver two historical lectures. The Shabbat lecture will be on the topic of "Jews and Voting in Early America: The Fight for Civil Rights," and her mid-week lecture will be on "Sephardic Country Houses." For more information, visit shearithisrael.org/leibman.

Laura Arnold Leibman is Professor of English and Humanities at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. Her work focuses on religion and the daily lives of women and children in early America, and uses everyday objects to help bring their stories back to life.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Tikva Ostrega and Mrs. Lisa Rohde, who diligently fulfilled the role of inspectors at this past week's electors meeting.

We mourn the loss of our member, Dr. Naomi Rodstein (Pool), daughter of our late minister, David and Tamar de Sola Pool.

THIS SUNDAY

The luncheon has reached capacity, but you can still attend the Symposium—pay at the door.



The poster features a large, stylized 'P' for 'Passover' in a cursive font. To the right, it says 'Sunday, March 18, 2018'. Below the title, there is a photograph of a silver Kiddush cup with Hebrew inscriptions. To the right of the cup is a red wax seal with the text 'CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL' and the years '5414' and '1654'. Below the photograph, there is a small text box that reads: 'Close Up View of Hebrew Inscription: Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The Land Unto All The Inhabitants Thereof Leviticus XXV:10'. The main text of the poster reads: 'A Year Of Years Celebration' in red, followed by 'Featuring Rabbi Meir Soloveichik's discussion of the greatest Passover stories in American history.' in red. Below this, it says 'This special symposium will include:' in red. There are four boxes with text: 'Lectures and discussions with pre-eminent scholars such as Lincoln historian, Harold Holzer', 'Remarkable Passover stories and lessons of liberty from the American Jewish historical narrative', 'An exclusive viewing of rarely exhibited archival materials, such as Thomas Jefferson's Letter to Mordecai Manuel Noah of Shearith Israel', and 'A take-home Haggadah Companion custom created by Rabbi Soloveichik, which participants can use to inspire their own Seder this year'. At the bottom, it says 'A bonus conversation—for luncheon participants only—with Harold Holzer and Rabbi Soloveichik on the making of Steven Spielberg's critically acclaimed film, Lincoln'. The date and time are 'Sunday, March 18, 2018 | Symposium 9 am - 12:30 pm'. Below that, it says 'Luncheon to follow with a special tribute to Shearith Israel's 5778 *hatanim* Simon Salama-Caro, *Hatan Torah* Robert Kapito, *Hatan Bereshit*'. At the very bottom, it says 'Tickets start at \$25. Sponsorships start at \$500.'

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