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*taking out of the Seapther, and, that after their demise an Escaba shall be made for them on every Kippur evening, on the anniversary of the consecration of the New Shool, on the anniversary of their demise, and, on the Sabbath succeeding the same.*

Some remnants of the Second Mill Street Synagogue still exist today. Most noticeable is the Perpetual Lamp (*Ner Tamid*) hanging in front of the Small Synagogue. It was made by J. and A. Seegers in New York City and has been in nearly continuous use since 1818. Another item, much less visible, is the marble plaque of the Ten Commandments which were a gift of Naphtali Judah made specifically for the 2nd Mill Street Synagogue. Today, these are hanging, mostly unseen, in the choir loft – imbedded directly behind the Ten Commandments of the Main Sanctuary.

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1 The use of the term “shool” (a Judeo-German term for synagogue) in the very same paragraph as the term “escaba” (i.e. hashcabah – a Sephardic memorial prayer) shows how the population of our synagogue, even from its early days, was comprised of both Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to the B'nai Jehudah confirmation class joining us this Shabbat from Overland Park, KS

**Mazal Tob** to Leah Hurwich on her recent marriage to Eitan Adler. Leah is the daughter of Dr. Meryl Jaffe and Mr. Adam Hurwich. Eitan Adler is the nephew of Susan Neumark. Congratulations to the Hurwich and Adler families.

**Condolences** to Gale Spira, on the passing of her brother, Philip (Feivy) Fuchs.

**Condolences** to Arlene Menachem on the passing of her brother Mark Menachem

**Thank you** to this week’s scotch and bourbon sponsor: David Sable

Second Mill Street Synagogue  
Z. Edinger, Shamash


Each year on Shabbat haGadol Shearith Israel celebrates the anniversary of the consecration of its second synagogue building, the Second Mill Street Synagogue. It housed our congregation from April 17, 1818 until April 13, 1833. By 1818, the original Mill Street Synagogue was too small to accommodate the growing Jewish community. A decision was made to build a larger synagogue on the same site - the second Mill Street Synagogue. It provided one hundred sixty-seven seats for men and one hundred thirty-three seats for women. The new synagogue was built of brick and stone with a surface of Roman cement. The women's gallery was reached by a covered passageway from the upper story of the adjoining brick schoolhouse on the north. This passageway was built as a narrow bridge over the space intervening between the schoolhouse and the synagogue, so that in general the space would not be covered in, and when each year the congregational succah was built there the succah's roof could be open to the heavens. There was some discussion as to whether the front of the women's gallery in the rebuilt synagogue should be open or be closed by a lattice. The final decision was that it should be made of "handsome planed turned mahogany banister."

At its dedication, Mordecai Manual Noah gave a dedicatory address in which he extolled the United States as a haven for Jews: “[F]or the first time in eighteen centuries, it may be said that the Jew feels he was born equal, and is entitled to equal protection.” It was because of this toleration that, according to Noah, the new synagogue needed to be built. “From the attractions of light and liberty which our dear country holds forth to the persecuted of all nations, many of our people have emigrated from Europe, and their increasing number made it necessary for their accommodation, that we should enlarge our place of worship.” The synagogue was in use for only a relatively short fifteen year period, by the 1830’s most of the Jews of New York lived in what we now call Greenwich Village, too far to walk down to lower Manhattan on Shabbat. As a result, the congregation decided to move to new quarters on Crosby Street in 1834. Shearith Israel commemorates the consecration of our synagogues with a semi-festive service. The Ark is opened during much of the service and the Torah scrolls are dressed in festive colors. The beautiful poem *Todot El* (p. 342) is sung before *Nishmat*, and special blessings and memorial prayers are recited before the reading of the Torah.

In this spirit, reproduced below is a resolution of the Board of Trustees enacted in 1818:

*That the very liberal offerings made toward the building of the new Shool<sup>1</sup> by Messrs. NAPHTALI JUDAH, HARMON HENDRICKS & ABRAHAM Touro entitle them to the lasting gratitude of the Congregation and in order to transmit to posterity the knowledge of so much liberality. RESOLVED: That during the lives of NAPHTALI JUDAH, HARMON HENDRICKS & ABRAHAM Touro, a Misheberach be made for them separately by the Hazzan on the eve of every Kippur and also on the anniversary of the dedication of the New Shool before the*

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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL  
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Metsora-HaGadol

April 15-16, 2016

Hertz Pentateuch: Torah Reading: p. 470 ; Haftarah: p. 1005  
Kaplan Living Torah: Torah Reading: 568; Haftarah: p. 1288

CANDLE LIGHTING | 7:18 pm  
MINHAH | 6:45 pm  
PRE-PESAH SHABBAT DINNER | Following Evening Services | Elias Room | For Registered Guests | Sponsored by Karen and Jack Daar, the Neumark family, and the Solomon Family

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary  
SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a his Shabbat HaGadol Derasha following services on the topic “The Most Misunderstood Morsel: A New Approach to Haroset” | Sponsored by Debbie and David Sable in memory of Ambassador Yehuda Avner, author of The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership and The Ambassador, a novel, on the occasion of his first naha.

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Elias Room  
YOUTH GROUPS | Ages 5-12 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Office  
JR. CONGREGATION WITH TORAH READING | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue  
KIDDUSH LUNCHEON | Levy Auditorium | Sponsored by Doina and Dr. Lawrence Bryskin in memory of Doina’s mother, Hermina Levi, on the occasion of her yahrzeit and in honor of Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. Contributor: Carol and Alan Schechter in memory of Carol’s father, Martin Dicker (Matisyahu b. Koppel)

TOPICS IN JEWISH PHILOSOPHY | Rabbi Hidary | 6:10 pm | For high school students | Held at the Hidary home, 1 W 85th St Apt. 6A

SEUDAH SHELISHIT AND SHABBAT AFTERNOON SHIUR | Rabbi Soloveichik on the topic “Rambam’s Korban Pesah” | 6:10 pm | Spring semester sponsored by Lewis Lipsey | Sponsored by Scott Shay in honor of Rabbi Soloveichik giving another one of his fabulous Shabbat HaGadol shiurim earlier in the day

MINHAH/ARBIT | 7:10 pm  
KETTER SHEM TOB | Rabbi Hidary | Main Sanctuary  
HABDALAH | 8:15 pm

Weekday Service Times

Morning: Sunday: 8:00 AM; Mon-Fri.: 7:15 AM  
Evenings: Sunday – Thursday: 6:30 PM (Minhah & Arbit)

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

## Yankees vs. Mariners Game with Rabbi Hidary

This Sunday, April 17 | 1:05 pm | Yankee Stadium

*This event is generously subsidized by John Lewin*

We still have a few ticket's left for this Sunday's game and the forecast calls for PERFECT weather. All ages welcome. Enjoy great seats in section 217 and discounted prices. \$65 members/ \$80 non-members. Register at [shearithisrael.org/baseball](http://shearithisrael.org/baseball) **AND** email [rhidary@shearithisrael.org](mailto:rhidary@shearithisrael.org) to let Rabbi Hidary know you'll be joining the group.

## UWS Yom Hashoa Annual Reading of the Names

Wednesday, May 4 10:00 pm -

Thursday, May 5 9:00 am

For the 17th consecutive year, the Upper West Side community will gather to read the names of those among the 6 million murdered Jews. The reading will begin on Wednesday, May 4, at 10 pm at Congregation Rodeph Sholom and continue throughout the night with representatives of Upper West Side congregations and other members of the community. It will resume at 9 am on Thursday, May 5, at the JCC on Amsterdam Avenue at 76th street, ending with the recitation of kaddish. Shearith Israel members (and other insomniacs) are encouraged to attend at 2:20-2:40 am when we will be invited to publicly recite.

## Special Yom Hashoa Lecture by Rabbi Soloveichik

Shabbat Afternoon, May 7 | 6:45 pm

*Co-sponsored by the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands with promotional support by the Anne Frank Center and the New Amsterdam History Center*

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is commemorated throughout the Jewish world and beyond. Often untold, however, is the story of the Dutch Jewish community during World War II, a community almost entirely wiped out in the Holocaust. Given our congregation's special connection with Amsterdam, we seek to share this story with Manhattan Jewry. We look forward to again hosting Dutch Consul General, Rob de Vos, at this important lecture.

# PREPARE FOR PESAH 5776

## Looking for a Communal Seder?

We will not be hosting our communal haggadot (seders) this year. If you are looking to attend a communal seder or hold your own family/group seder in the neighborhood, West Side Institutional Synagogue will be hosting seders on both nights. For more information, go to <http://wsisny.org/event/pesach-seders-at-wsis.html>

To find additional communal seders, please go to [ujafederation.org/passover/find-a-seder](http://ujafederation.org/passover/find-a-seder) or contact J-1-1, UJA-Federation of New York's Information and Referral Center, at 877.852.6951 or [j11@ujafedny.org](mailto:j11@ujafedny.org).

Please remember to remove *hametz* from your drawers in the synagogue. Thank you.

## Donate for Maot Hittim

In the opening paragraph of the Haggadah, we read: "All who are hungry, let them come and eat." 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. Donate online at [shearithisrael.org/maothittim](http://shearithisrael.org/maothittim) or send a check made out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (indicate "maot hittim" in the memo field) to help those in need in a discreet, dignified way.

## Sale of Hametz

If you would like to appoint Rabbi Richard Hidary as agent to sell your Hametz before Pesah, please fill out the online form at [shearithisrael.org/hametz](http://shearithisrael.org/hametz) before Thursday, April 21 at 5:00 pm. Please contact RabbiHidary at [rhidary@shearithisrael.org](mailto:rhidary@shearithisrael.org) if you have specific questions regarding the sale of Hametz.

# WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

For details go to: [shearithisrael.org/judaic-education](http://shearithisrael.org/judaic-education)

## Sunday

- ◇ **The Book of Kings** | Rabbi Hidary | 8:40 am NO CLASS THIS WEEK
- ◇ **Saadia Gaon's Book of Beliefs and Opinions** | Sjimon den Hollander | 9:30 am AT 8:40 AM THIS WEEK

## 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 RESUMES AFTER PESAH
- ◇ **Talmud Class: Tractate Rosh Hashana and the Philosophy of Jewish Time** | Rabbi Soloveichik | 8:00 pm | *Spring semester sponsored by Gregory Bell.* RESUMES AFTER PESAH

## Don't let us go dry.

Be a scotch or arak sponsor. To sponsor or contribute go to [shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships](http://shearithisrael.org/scotch-and-arak-sponsorships)

Please consider sponsoring a semester or a class. Go to: [shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass](http://shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass)

## Parnas Office Hours

Louis Solomon would be delighted to meet with you. Please schedule a visit at [parnas@shearithisrael.org](mailto:parnas@shearithisrael.org).

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