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As we celebrated Yom Yerushalayim (and the visit this week of President Donald Trump), and as we prepare for Shavuoth early next week, we're reminded of our ever-present yearning for increased G-dliness in the world.

Simon Goldhill, in his 2004 brilliant little book *The Temple of Jerusalem*, condenses 2,800 years of history and religious aspiration across three world faiths, spelling out the long-anticipated, as yet unfulfilled, promise of the return of the Divine Presence to Zion, making Jerusalem once again the universal City of Peace.

While Shavuoth commemorates G-d's revelation to mankind! Rashi explains our ancestors stood 'as one person with one heart' at Sinai, realising their utter inconsequence in relation to the words 'I am the Lord, your G-d.' Yet, Sinai conveyed to all present the hope that each of us can and must carve out for ourselves a direct, living relationship with the Almighty.

We stand in solidarity with the people of Manchester.

Young Couples and Families

Dr. Seuss Themed Shabbat Luncheon

Shabbat, June 24 | Following Morning Services

Young Couples and Families will join together

To learn Torah, eat food, and enjoy the weather.

Featuring a Seussian themed buffet,

With green eggs, and ham and other kosher gourmet.

Fit for cats, for fish and loraxes too,

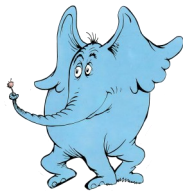
And grownup and children, a lot or a few.

You would not, could not, want to miss,

A Shabbat luncheon quite like this!

Would you could you come and play?

Sign up at shearithisrael.org/seuss today!



Curious About Becoming a Shearith Israel Tour Guide?

Do you love Shearith Israel- it's history, customs, architecture, design, and objects? Experience a public tour for yourself on

Wednesday, July 12 at 11 am, led by our master docent, Z. Edinger and then let him know if you would like to join the docent team.

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, June 14 at 11:00 am

From Generation to Generation

Rabbi Jeff Berger

Rabbi of the Sephardi Synagogue of Elstree and Boreham
in London

*'Every true thing has already been said,
but each new generation must find a way to say it in their own words.'*
Marty Rubin (Author of *Boiled Frog Syndrome*)

Anyone who's attended a Passover Seder and stayed through to the last song, will know the number '5' in Ehad Mi Yode'ah represents Five Books of the Torah. But few are aware of a perplexing piece of Babylonian Talmud (Shabbat 116a) which suggests there are actually seven. The source of this discrepancy depends on how we read the Book of Bemidbar.

Were we to describe broadly the plot and drama of the Torah up to this point, we might say that central to Bereshith is G-d's two-fold promise to Abraham; that his descendants will be chosen as a holy people and that they will eventually inherit the Land of Canaan.

Shemot and Vayikra demonstrate the fulfilment of that first promise; the Children of Israel were redeemed from Egypt, brought to Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments and taught to build a Tabernacle (Mishkan). The priesthood was appointed to maintain spiritual purity in and around the camp and laws of social justice were given, as a prerequisite to living within close proximity of the Divine Presence (Shekhina).

Bemidbar begins a new book in which the focus turns to the fulfilment of G-d's second covenantal promise, the journey to inherit the Land of Canaan – bringing us back to our Talmudic dilemma.

The Talmud's view is that the initial instructions for encampment and movement (Chap 1-10) comprise a book on its own, verses 10:35-36 describing the first steps forward are a separate book, and all the complaining and drama that occurs thereafter marks the third (Chaps 11-36). Bemidbar is the struggle between ideal and reality.

Dr David Elgavish, in the 2005 book *Professors on the Parasha*, offers an alternate view based on generational change. He sees the second and third parts divided more evenly. The march from Sinai to Kadesh Barnea including the spy's failure, G-d's decree against the adult males and the eventual deaths of Miriam & Aharon (Chap 11-20) is followed by the march from Kadesh Barnea to the Plains of Moab and their children's conquest of the east bank of the Jordan River (Chap 20-36).

This view sees Bemidbar as a transitional narrative - from the generation raised in Egyptian captivity to their offspring, born into freedom. The legacy of Sinai was first conveyed from parent to child via the strength of Moses's leadership. Subsequent generations would face that challenge anew.

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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

Shabbat Bemidbar

May 26-27, 2017

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 568 ; Haftarah p. 582
Kaplan Living Torah: p. 654 ; Haftarah p. 1182

CANDLE LIGHTING | 7:58 pm

MINHAH | 6:45 pm

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Richard Hidary delivers a seminar on the topic "A Tale of Two or Three Witnesses"

TOT SHABBAT WITH SHANADE AND CHRIS | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium

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

JR. CONGREGATION | Ages 5-12 | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue
KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium

SEUDAH SHELISHIT AND SHABBAT AFTERNOON SHIUR |

Rabbi Hidary on the topic "Comparative Consolation: The Social Significance of Roman and Rabbinic Eulogies" | 6:50 pm |
Levy Auditorium | *Spring semester is sponsored anonymously in memory of Irma Cardozo*

MINHAH/ARBIT | 7:50 pm

HABDALAH | 8:58 pm

Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 AM,

Monday (Memorial Day): 8:00 AM, Friday: 7:15 AM

Evenings (Minha & Arbit): Sunday: 6:30 PM

Our offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

Morning services on Memorial Day begin at 8:00 am.

Our offices will close at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, Erev Shabuot and will reopen on Friday. See inside for Shabuot Schedule.

Beginning next **Friday, June 2** (immediately after Shabuot)
Shabbat evening services will be held in the Small Synagogue.

SHABUOT AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

TUESDAY, MAY 30TH

CANDLE LIGHTING | 8:01 PM

EVENING SERVICES | 8:00 PM

RABBI SOLOVEICHIK'S MISHMARAH/TIKKUN | Rabbi Soloveichik delivers a lecture on the topic "Time to Eat Swordfish? A Deep Dive into a Fishy Halakhic Story" | 11:30 PM followed by cheesecake reception in Levy Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST

1834 Crosby St. Building Consecration Anniversary

MORNING SERVICES | 8:15 AM

TORAH READING (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS) | 10:00 AM

GIRLS READING BOOK OF RUTH | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

KIDDUSH | *Sponsored by the Tauber Family in honor of Flora's Bat Mitzvah.*

AZHAROTH | 7:15 PM

EVENING SERVICES | 8:00 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING | after 8:47 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST

MORNING SERVICES | 8:15 AM

SERMON | Rabbi Soloveichik

KIDDUSH | *Sponsored by Arthur Tenenholtz in memory of his brother, Perry Tenenholtz z'l*

AZHAROT | 7:15 PM

EVENING SERVICES | 8:00 PM

HABDALAH | 8:48 PM

Girls Megillat Ruth Reading

Wednesday, May 31 | Following Morning Services

On the First Day of Shabuot, after musaf, the girls of the synagogue chant the Book of Ruth for the congregation in the Main Sanctuary. Afterwards, the congregation joins together for a Kiddush in the their honor. To co-sponsor the Kiddush, go to shearithisrael.org/girls-book-ruth-reading.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Weekday Toddler Summer 'Camp'

June 20- August 17

Tuesdays and Thursday | 9:30-11:30 am

For children aged 16-33 months.

Includes outdoor play and a wading pool. Adult caregiver presence is required. Register online at shearithisrael.org/summer-toddler-camp.

Film Screening: Trezoros, The Lost Jews of Kastoria
Followed by a Talk-Back Session
with Directors Lawrence Russo and Larry Confino
Wednesday, June 7 | 7:15 pm

Trezoros (Ladino term of endearment meaning "treasures"), an emotionally compelling first person documentary, chronicles—through never-before-seen footage—one of many former Sephardic communities which had existed in Greece before World War II. Kastoria, an idyllic lakeside village, saw Jews and Christians living in harmony for over two millennium. October of 1940 saw Axis forces break through Greek defenses, eventually dooming the Jewish community that had existed since the time of the Roman Empire. Register at shearithisrael.org/trezoros. \$5 members/\$8 non-members.



DON'T LET YOUR GRADUATE GO UNNOTICED!

Graduation Kiddush and Scroll of Honor

Shabbat, June 17 | Following Morning Services

Let's spread the good news and celebrate the success and accomplishments of all our graduates from pre-school to PhDs! Go to shearithisrael.org/graduation to ensure your graduate is listed on our scroll of honor that will be distributed on that shabbat. But even if you cannot attend, consider co-sponsoring our graduation kiddush for \$180 or just \$36.



Morning Minyan Just Got Even Better!

Morning minyan participants are treated to a breakfast of champions (cereal and milk). Jumpstart your day by nourishing your body and soul and help make this minyan strengthening initiative a success. To sponsor, go to shearithisrael.org/cereal.



SUMMER WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

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

Sunday

◇ Saadiah Gaon's Book of Beliefs and Opinions | Sjimon den Hollander | 8:45 am

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

◇ **Habruta (Paired) Learning** | 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm | Before and after evening services, Rabbi Chaim Yanetz and rabbinical students from YU are available in the Elias Room to study in *habruta* with congregants of all ages.

Tuesday

◇ **Minyan Class and Breakfast** | Following Morning Services | *Sponsored by Chaim Katzap*

To sponsor a single class or an entire semester,

go to shearithisrael.org/sponsoraclass

To find out when your favorite class is held, canceled or for

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tob to **Judy and Joel Schreiber** on the birth of granddaughter to their children, Seth and Miriam Fein.

Contribute to the PTTTS scholarship fund at shearithisrael.org/hebrew-school-scholarship-fund

Sisterhood's Elsie Adlman Camp Fund

For many years the Sisterhood's Elsie Adlman Camp Fund has helped children and senior citizens, who could otherwise not do so, enjoy a Jewish summer experience outside the City. In this time of great economic need, it is more important than ever to be able to help change their lives for a month... a week... or even a day. Please help us by responding as generously as you can. Go to shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-elsie-adlman-camp-fund to donate.

Register Now for PTTTS Hebrew School

Don't Miss the Early Bird Discount (until June 1)!

Polonies Talmud Torah School, provides children and teens, ages 3-16, with a substantive Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. Register at shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool.