

# SHABUOT AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

## Pre-Shabuot Mini-Series:

### Revealing Ruth with Shira Hecht-Koller

**THIS Wednesday, May 29 & Wednesday, June 5 at 11:00 am**  
Shearith Israel is proud to partner with Drisha to study the book of Ruth with an eye toward literary nuance and character development.

To register, go to [drisha.org/ongoing-classes](http://drisha.org/ongoing-classes).

To request a Shearith Israel member discount code, visit [shearithisrael.org/drisha-ruth](http://shearithisrael.org/drisha-ruth).

## Rabbi Soloveichik's Shabuot Lecture

**Saturday night, June 8 | 11:15 pm**

Rabbi Soloveichik's annual Shabuot lecture has become a go-to destination for the full UWS Shabuot experience.

Come for the Torah, stay for the cheesecake!

For sponsorship opportunities, visit

[shearithisrael.org/shabuot-lecture19](http://shearithisrael.org/shabuot-lecture19).

## Girls' Ruth Reading & Kiddush

**1st day of Shabuot, Sunday, June 9 | following morning services**

Following morning services, the girls of our synagogue (through college age) recite the Book of Ruth for the congregation in the main sanctuary. Don't miss this beautiful Shearith Israel tradition!

To sponsor the *kiddush* in honor of our girls, visit [shearithisrael.org/girls-ruth-reading](http://shearithisrael.org/girls-ruth-reading).

## 7th Annual Israel Film Center Festival

**June 3-12 | JCC Manhattan**

The Festival runs for over a week at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan. Come celebrate 70 years of Israeli cinema with the best Israeli films of the year. Join us for a week of screenings, director Q&A, and special events!

Use Shearith Israel's special discount code of **shearith19** for 25% off all general admission screenings.

For tickets and info, visit [jccmanhattan.org/film/israel-film-center-festival](http://jccmanhattan.org/film/israel-film-center-festival).

### Public Tours

Our next public tour is  
**Wednesday, June 12,**  
at 11:00 AM

### Parnas Office Hours

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

## MEMORIAL DAY AT SHEARITH ISRAEL

This past Sunday we held our annual memorial service at the historic Chatham Square Cemetery. The ceremony included the decoration of the graves of 19 veterans and patriots of the American Revolution. We also recited memorial prayers for those members of Shearith Israel who have died while in service to our country: **Moses H. Seixas**, who died during the Civil War; **Daniel M.D. Peixotto**, who died during the Spanish-American War; **Frank J. Felbel**, **James Hendricks Florance**, **Adolph R. Jungman**, and **Julien M. Strasburger**, who died during WW I; **Edmond J. Arbib**, **Adrian Z. Leon**, and **Israel Rand**, who died during World War II; and **Mark Evnin**, who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. May their service and sacrifice never be forgotten.

This Shabbat, in honor of Memorial Day, we re-print an excerpt of a sermon given by Rabbi Dr. David de Sola Pool for Memorial Day, 1925:

*"Those men whose memory is honored today are men who fell on the field of battle. All honor to their memory. On each side they fought for causes which they believed to be just. They fought because their leaders knew no better way. But in the great equality of death shall we not further extend the thought of Memorial Day to include those heroes who died on the beautiful fields of peace as well as those heroes who died on the hideous fields of war? 'Memorial Day must not be a subtle appeal to militarism through the trappings and false glories of armies. It must come to be a great Memorial Day for all heroes of humanity. Why should we not extend Memorial Day to include the fireman who gives his life to save that of others, the policeman who falls while protecting us in peace, the life-saver and the thousands of nameless heroes who in the cause of peace have given their lives for our security?"*

*"Or why should we not on Memorial Day pay the tribute of memory to the inventor, the brave hero who has given his life in the development of aviation, the Roentgenologist whose life has been burnt out by the X-rays with which he has brought healing to others, to the bacteriologist who has succumbed to the germs he was trying to conquer, to the sanitarian who has died of the fever he was battling to control, to the nurse and the physician who have fallen victim to the disease they were trying to cure?"*

This week we celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of our current synagogue building here on 70th street. This building was consecrated on *Lag L'Omer*, May 19, 1897. Shearith Israel commemorates the consecration of our synagogue buildings 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. We also would like to acknowledge the gift of a copy of a framed historic newspaper from the New York Herald, November 1895, about the architectural plans for our synagogue building. We thank Miriam & Ronald Rubin for this gift, you can see it during *kiddush* this Shabbat in the Levy Auditorium.



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CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

*Year of Years Celebration*

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The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

## Shabbat Behar

*May 24-25, 2019*

Anniversary of 70th Street Synagogue Consecration — 1897

Hertz Pentateuch: p. 531; Haftarah p. 539

Kaplan Living Torah: p. 630; Haftarah p. 1174

CANDLE LIGHTING | 7:56 pm

EVENING SERVICES | 6:45 pm

MORNING SERVICES | Main Sanctuary | 8:15 am

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Fidanque Youth Room

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

JUNIOR CONGREGATION | 10:30 am | Little Synagogue

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON | Levy Auditorium | *Sponsored by Jennifer Ash & Seth Haberman on the Shabbat Hatan following Isaac's marriage to Rachel McCoy.*

NO SHABBAT AFTERNOON SHIUR

EVENING SERVICES | 7:50 pm

HABDALA | 8:56 pm

*Our offices are **closed** on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.  
Toddler Program will not meet on Monday.*

### Weekday Service Times

#### Mornings:

Sunday: 8:00 am | Monday-Friday: 7:15 am

#### Evenings:

Sunday-Thursday (Minha & Arbit): 6:30 pm

ONLY 15 SPOTS REMAINING!

## Day Trip to Touro with Rabbi Soloveichik

July 4 | Departing at 7:00 am

Now open to members at \$120

1776 & 365 sponsorships still available

Join Rabbi Soloveichik for an all-day field trip to Newport, Rhode Island, home of our historic sister synagogue, the Touro Synagogue.

### Highlights of this full-day excursion include:

- preparatory talks on the bus by Rabbi Soloveichik
- walking tour of Jewish Newport, led by Rabbi Soloveichik
- costumed reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old Colony House as they did in 1776
- memorial service (*hashcabah*) at the cemetery, led by Rabbi Soloveichik
- light lunch and dinner, hosted by Congregation Jeshuat Israel
- major historical lecture delivered by Rabbi Soloveichik, at the Touro Synagogue, on “A Tale of Two Letters: Washington’s Words to Newport and Savannah”

If you wish to join, register at  
[shearithisrael.org/touro-trip](http://shearithisrael.org/touro-trip).

## Portuguese Citizenship for Sephardic Jews: A Practical Overview

with Portuguese citizenship legal expert, Rita Mayer Jardim  
Tuesday, June 4 | 7:00 pm

Free and open to the public | registration requested at  
[shearithisrael.org/portuguese-citizenship](http://shearithisrael.org/portuguese-citizenship)

A subject that has been of growing interest to our community is that of reclaiming Portuguese citizenship. Questions abound, ranging from the basics: *Is it possible? How did citizenship reclamation become a law? Why would Sephardic Jews wish to reclaim their ancestors' citizenship?* to the more practical: *How does one go about doing it? What are the requirements? How long does it take? What documentation is needed? Do you need to speak Portuguese?*

Learn the answers to these questions and more from **Rita Mayer Jardim**, a highly reputable Lisbon-based lawyer specializing in the Sephardic path to Portuguese citizenship. Rita will present actual cases that bring to life one of the most historical pieces of citizenship legislation in contemporary history.

DON'T LET YOUR GRADUATE GO UNNOTICED!

## Celebrate our 2019 Graduates

Shabbat, June 15 | Following Morning Services

Let's spread the good news and celebrate the success and accomplishments of all our graduates from pre-school to PhDs!

Visit [shearithisrael.org/grad-kiddush19](http://shearithisrael.org/grad-kiddush19) by June 13 to list and congratulate your graduate(s) in our **2019 Scroll of Honor**. Even if you cannot attend, please send us listing information for your graduates, and consider co-sponsoring the graduation kiddush for \$180 or just \$36.

## PTTS Shabbaton

Shabbat, June 1

Don't miss the final PTTS Shabbaton of the school year! While students are welcome and encouraged to attend services every week, you definitely don't want to lose this chance to take center stage in Junior Congregation and showcase how far you've come since the beginning of the year. Followed by the **Young Families Year-End Picnic** (see below). We look forward to celebrating all our PTTS students' accomplishments together!

## Young Couples and Families Year-End Celebrate Israel “Picnic” on the Portico

Shabbat, June 1 | Following Morning Services

Chaired by Zoya Raynes and Rivka Wiznia

Join our young families to celebrate Israel with this Israeli-themed “picnic” luncheon!

**For the Adults: Hai Piasezky: “We Love You, But Who Are You?”**  
Speaking from his experience as the Jewish Agency's Senior *Shaliach* to the UWS, Hai will debunk the myths and demystify the differences between American and Israeli Jews, encouraging healthier and stronger connections to Israel.

**For the kids: Nat Bernstein**

Nat Bernstein, our energetic and creative Youth Group Leader and Programming Coordinator, will show the kids a great time with educational and entertaining programming so that parents can relax and enjoy.

For registration and sponsorships, visit  
[shearithisrael.org/israel-picnic](http://shearithisrael.org/israel-picnic).

Don't forget to sign me up!



## Toddler Summer Camp

June 18-August 15 | Tuesdays and

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am | For ages 16-34 months | *Caregiver attendance required*

During our summer session, weather permitting, we enjoy outdoor time with small wading pools outside on our Portico “beach,” in addition to the beautiful Fidanque Youth Room. There is time for play, craft projects, exercises, saying *berakhot* (blessings), snack, stories, music and more. To learn more and enroll, visit  
[tinyurl.com/toddler-camp19](http://tinyurl.com/toddler-camp19).

## Register now for PTTS Hebrew School 2019-2020

*Held on Thursdays afternoons, with special programming on select Sundays*

**Early bird pricing until May 31 | School begins: October 24**  
Polonies Talmud Torah School, provides children and teens with a substantive Jewish education in a positive and engaging environment. For questions, contact Barbara Reiss at [breiss@shearithisrael.org](mailto:breiss@shearithisrael.org).

Register at [shearithisrael.org/ptts-registration](http://shearithisrael.org/ptts-registration).

## Contribute to the PTTS Hebrew School Scholarship Fund

We offer many scholarships to ensure that all qualified applicants can receive a Jewish education. Please consider sponsoring a student for an academic year or semester or contributing to our Hebrew school scholarship fund with a tax deductible contribution of any amount. Go to [shearithisrael.org/hebrew-school-scholarship-fund](http://shearithisrael.org/hebrew-school-scholarship-fund).

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mazal Tob* to **Margaret & Andre Guenoun**, on the birth of a grandson, Aiden Nathaniel (Aryeh Netanel).

*Mazal Tob* to **Isaac Haberman** upon his marriage to Rachel McCoy. Congratulations as well to his parents, **Jennifer Ash & Seth Haberman**, and grandfather, **Simon Haberman**.

Have you missed our recent programs? Video is available on [shearithisrael.org](http://shearithisrael.org) for the Menachem Begin lecture. Coming soon: our fascinating Out of Egypt and Media & Religion events. In addition, you can buy the beautiful commemorative *Out of Egypt* and Chatham Square Memorial booklets as well at [shearithisrael.org/store](http://shearithisrael.org/store).