

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS— PART 2

**Thank you and best of luck** to our 2015-2016 Shabbat youth group leaders, Shayna and Gideon Stein. You made Shabbat mornings fun, educational, and safe for our younger members and guests. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and hope you come back to visit.

We look forward to welcoming our new youth group leader, **Rachel Schaulewicz**, who will be starting next Shabbat, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about Rachel in next week's emails and Shabbat handout.

### Girls Reading of Megillat Ruth

**Hazakot U'beruhot** to our Girls Megillat Ruth Readers:  
Susan A., Matea Frieber, Cherish Greenberg, Honor Greenberg, Aimee Hidary, Olalla Levi, Simone Lipschutz, Ariella Lopez, Cecilia Roberts, Daniella Roberts, Barbara Sasson, Ruthie Sherizen, Bailey Stein, Flora Tauber, Neta Wiznia

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Lauren and Sammy Flaks  
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Yael Cycowicz and Matthew Kaplan  
Debby and Melvin Neumark

**Thank you** to Mrs. Lisa Rohde for her diligent and capable work on this cherished annual tradition.

## **Getting Into Formation: The Greatest Miracle of the Torah Rabbi Ira Rohde, Hazzan**

My great professor at Yeshiva University, Harvey A. Sober, Ph.D., Ta Shih, in his karate classes, was famous for his sardonic comment that “the greatest miracle of the Torah” occurs in these three opening Parashiyot of Bemidbar: “Imagine, Moses got all these Jews to stand in a straight line!” The comment was usually made either at the start of class or when we were preparing to practice our kata, our “form,” when the entire class was expected to line up “in formation.” So, since I’ve had no other military-type experience, these opening sections about numbers of soldiers lining up by troop (or tribe) in proper formation with their formal banners will either remind me of high school marching band (with color guard) or karate class.

We Jews are hard to get or keep in line. Our minority status in the countries of our exile has taught us more about how to survive despite being “out of step” with the mainstream of society than how to be “in step” with our own society; perhaps that is the source of our insistent individualism. We forget that getting into “formation” is miraculous, working its magic in more than one way: What was once a rag-tag collection of individuals has now been “formed” into an ordered, single, disciplined, law-abiding unit. The greatest miracle of the Torah truly was: the “formation” of a ragtag, undisciplined collection of slaves into a nation committed to preserving its freedom and the freedom of its citizens: My teacher’s sardonic comment actually reveals something quite profound. That is, perhaps, why the great miraculous revelation of the giving of the Torah on Shabuot is read in the midst of these early parts of Bemidbar which stress the much more ordinary but no less profound “miracle” of getting into “formation.”



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The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

**Shabbat Bemidbar and Shabu`ot 5776**

*June 10-13, 2016*

Shabbat Torah and Haftarah Readings

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

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

CANDLE LIGHTING | 8:08 pm

MINHAH | 6:45 pm

ZEMIROT | 8:15 am | Main Sanctuary

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Hidary will deliver a seminar on the topic “Revealing the Oral Law: Three Responses to the Karaites”

TOT SHABBAT | Ages 0-4 | 10:00 am | Levy Auditorium

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

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

GRADUATION KIDDUSH | Levy Auditorium | *See separate scroll of honor for sponsors and list of graduates*

MINHAH/ARBIT | 8:00 pm

KETER SHEM TOB | Rabbi Hidary | Main Sanctuary

SHABBAT ENDS/FESTIVAL EVE CANDLE LIGHTING | 9:09 pm

## EVE OF SHABU`OT

MISHMARA (LATE NIGHT STUDY SESSION) | Rabbi Soloveichik will deliver a lecture on the topic “When Jews Owned Slaves: An Often Untold Tale of History, Ritual and Jewish Law” | 11:30 pm | *Sponsored by Nicole and Raanan Agus and by Janegail Orringer and James Kahn*

*See entire Shabu`ot schedule inside*

### Weekday Service Times

Morning: Tues-Fri.: 7:15 AM

Evenings: Tues – Thursday: 6:45 PM (Minhah & Arbit)

SHABUOT SCHEDULE

EVE OF THE FIRST DAY OF SHABU'OT

Saturday, June 11

Shabbat Ends/Festival Eve Candle Lighting ..... 9:09 pm  
Mishmara (late night study session) | Rabbi Soloveichik  
will deliver a lecture on the topic “When Jews Owned Slaves:  
An Often Untold Tale of History, Ritual and Jewish Law”

..... 11:30 pm  
*Sponsored by Nicole and Raanan Agus and by Janegail Orringer  
and James Kahn*

FIRST DAY OF SHABU'OT

Sunday, June 12

Anniversary of the Consecration of the Crosby Street  
Building in 1834

Morning Services ..... 8:15 am  
Torah Reading: Exodus 19:1-20:23 (Reading of the Ten  
Commandments) and Numbers 28:26-31 ..... 9:50 am  
Haftarah & Musaf..... 10:25-11:25 am  
Reading of the Book of Ruth ..... 11:30 am -12:30 pm  
Kiddush Luncheon in honor of the girls reading the Book of  
Ruth \* *See names of readers and sponsors in community an-  
nouncements*

EVE OF THE SECOND DAY OF SHABU'OT

Sunday, June 12

Azharot ..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Services (Minhah and Arbit) ..... 8:15 pm  
Eve of Second Day Candle Lighting ..... after 8:55 pm

SECOND DAY OF SHABU'OT

Monday, June 13

Morning Services and Rabbi Soloveichik’s  
sermon ..... 8:15 –11:45 am  
Kiddush | *Thank you to our Kiddush contributor: Arthur  
Tenenholz*  
Azharot ..... 7:30 pm  
Evening Services (Minhah & Arbit)..... 8:15 pm  
Habdalah..... 8:55 pm

All Shabu’ot youth programming:

Tot Shabbat, Youth Groups, and Jr. Congregation follow  
Shabbat schedule and locations

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Indoor Picnic for Young Couples and Families

Saturday, July 2, 2016 | Following Morning Services

Who wants to fret over rain clouds or bother with insect  
repellent? After all, the best thing about picnicing is relax-  
ing with friends and enjoyable casual picnic fare. Orga-  
nized by our fabulous committee of young couples, this  
year’s end-of-year picnic will be held at the synagogue,  
where we can enjoy our protected, park-facing Portico as  
well as the Elias Room. Fun for the kids and a rabbi’s lec-  
ture for the adults will keep everyone happy. Go to  
[shearithisrael.org/indoor-picnic](http://shearithisrael.org/indoor-picnic) to sign up by Tuesday,  
June 28.

Register now for PTTS Hebrew School

**NEW:** Refer a new family and earn a \$100 reduction in  
your synagogue dues or PTTS tuition. 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](http://shearithisrael.org/hebrewschool)

Toddler Programs: Summer Camp and Fall Semester

Now is the time to sign up for our very popular Toddler  
Summer Camp and the 2016 Fall Semester. Spaces are  
filling up fast. To learn more and apply, go to  
[shearithisrael.org/toddler-programming](http://shearithisrael.org/toddler-programming).

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 experi-  
ence 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-](http://shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-elsie-adlman-camp-)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –PART 1

**Mazal tob** to Martine and Jack Schenker on the birth of a  
grandson to their children Bella and Menachem Levy.

**Mazal Tob** to Judy and Joey Schreiber upon the birth of  
a great-grandson to their grandchildren Ariel and Sarah  
Bluma Fein in Jerusalem, Israel.

*Thank you to this week’s arak sponsor:*

Dr. Steven Valenstein

To 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)

WEEKDAY JUDAIC EDUCATION

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

*Tuesday*

◇ **Rambam’s Mishneh Torah** | Rabbi Hidary | 7:45 am

*Sunday*

◇ **The Book of Kings** | Rabbi Hidary | 8:40 am | No class  
this week. Last class June 19.

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, July 13 at 11:00 am**