

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

### Young Couples and Families Dr. Seuss Themed Shabbat Luncheon Shabbat, June 24 | Following Morning Services Deadline: This Monday, June 19

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](http://shearithisrael.org/seuss) today!



### Weekday Toddler Summer 'Camp' Begins This Tuesday, June 20 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](http://shearithisrael.org/summer-toddler-camp).

### 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 11:00 am**, led by our master docent, Z. Edinger and then let him know if you would like to join the docent team.

### Morning Minyan is Better Than Ever!

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](http://shearithisrael.org/cereal).

### 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](http://shearithisrael.org/sisterhood-elsie-adlman-camp-fund) to donate or make your check out to "Sisterhood of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue" indicate "camp fund" in the memo.



### 2017-2018 Membership Dues Early Payment Offer

Members, you should have received emails announcing our 2017-2018 dues structure. Remember, our dues year begins on July 1. The email includes a link that enables you to take advantage of the early bird dues offer and pay all outstanding obligations. If we receive your payment in full by July 31, 2017 (by credit card or postmarked) we will hold your rate at last year's rate. For assistance, please contact Sarah Gross at [sgross@shearithisrael.org](mailto:sgross@shearithisrael.org).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mazal Tob to Zachariah & Malka Edinger* on their recent marriage! Congratulations also to **Rose & Henry Edinger** and to the Edinger & Strasberg families.

*Hazakim U'berukhim* to all of our graduates from the class of 2017. (see a listing of our graduates, their accomplishments, and plans in the Scrolls of Honor available at the Kiddush)

*Hazakim U'berukhim* to Executive Director, **Barbara Reiss** and her husband, **Guy Reiss** for being honored at the Jewish Center's annual dinner this past week.

*Welcome* **Monroe and Judy Milstein** to the Shearith Israel family.

## Shabbat Hatan

By Z. Edinger

It is my honor to celebrate with you on this day, my Shabbat Hatan. The old minhag (attested to from the Geonic era) for the *Shabbat Hatan* was to read from two Torah scrolls. From the first would be read the regular weekly portion, the *Hatan* (groom) would then be called to the Torah for the last *Aliyah* (*Maftir*) and would read from Genesis Chapter 24 – where Abraham arranges to find a wife for Isaac (“וַאֲבִרְהָם וְקָן”). This would then be followed by a special *Haftara* From Isaiah (“שׁוּשׁ אִשִּׁישׁ”). Various sources attest to this custom – including the *Sefer haItim* by Rabbi Judah b. Barzilai (Catalan, 11<sup>th</sup> c.) and the *Abudarham* (David Abu Dirham, Seville, 14<sup>th</sup> c.) The custom of reciting a special *Maftir* for a *Shabbat Hatan* was once widespread, but started to fall out of popular practice during the early modern period. The Codes discuss whether it is proper to displace the regular haftarah of the week for this special haftarah. The *Shulchan Arukh* codifies the custom that on a *Shabbat Hatan* only a few verses from the special haftarah for the *Hatan* should be read.<sup>1</sup> Spanish and Portuguese communities followed this custom – as is evident in the works of Shelomo Levi Maduro and others. Our former Shamash, Mr. Arthur Tenenholtz informed me that he witnessed the older custom, including taking out a second torah scroll, being practiced even today by the Portuguese Community of Paris (in the *Buffault* synagogue.) However, in our congregation only a remnant of this custom remains – it can be seen on *Simbat Torah* –when, following the “regular” haftarah, we read the first and last verse from the special haftarah “שׁוּשׁ אִשִּׁישׁ” in honor of the *Hatan Torah* and *Hatan Bereshit*. Today, for my *Shabbat Hatan* we will keep this old tradition alive. So, please join us in reciting the following verses after the conclusion of the regular *Haftara*:

שׁוּשׁ אִשִּׁישׁ בִּיהוָה תִּגַּל נִפְשִׁי בְּאֱלֹהֵי כִי הִלְבִּישָׁנִי בְּגָדֵי־יִשְׁעַ מְעִיל צִדְקָה יַעֲטֵנִי  
כְּחֹתֶן יִכְהֶן פָּאֵר וְכִפְלָה תַעֲדָה כְּלִיָּה:

כִּי־יִבְעַל בַּחוּר בְּתוּלָה יִבְעֲלוּ בְּגִיף וּמִשׁוּשׁ חֹתֵן עַל־פִּלָּה יִשִּׁישׁ עָלֶיךָ אֱלֹהִים:

Isaiah 61:10 & 62:5

“I, [Zion], will greatly rejoice in the Lord, Let my soul exult in my God; For He has dressed me in garments of salvation, A mantle of victory He has wrapped around me; Like a bridegroom dressed in his finest clothes, and as a bride adorns herself in her jewels.”

“For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your children marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”



## CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

### Shabbat Shelah Lekha

June 16-17, 2017

CANDLE LIGHTING | 8:11 pm

MINHAH | 6:45 pm | Little Synagogue

ZEMIROT | 8:30 am | Main Sanctuary

SHAHARIT (NISHMAT) | 9:00 am | Rabbi Meir Soloveichik delivers a sermon on the topic “Yud Better Believe It”

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

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

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

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON | Levy Auditorium | Co-sponsored by Rose and Henry Edinger and the Board of Trustees in celebration of Z and Malka's sheva berachot. Also a special sponsored dessert in honor of our graduates.

SEUDAH SHELISHIT AND SHABBAT AFTERNOON PIRKEI ABOT SHIUR  
| Rabbi Soloveichik on the topic “The Past Life of Rabbi Akiva” | 7:05 pm  
| Levy Auditorium

MINHAH/ARBIT | 8:05 pm

HABDALAH | 9:11 pm

#### Weekday Service Times

Mornings: Sunday: 8:00 am, Monday-Friday: 7:15 am.  
Evenings (Minha & Arbit): Sunday– Thursday: 6:45 pm

<sup>1</sup>Orah Hayyim, 144:2: נוהגין בשבת שיש בו חתן לומר אחר הפטרת השבוע שנים או שלשה פסוקים מהפטרת שוש אשיש